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To Our Readers.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S CHRISTMAS NUMBER is entirely sold out, and it is to be hoped that regular readers of this paper who desired to secure a copy of the Number accepted the hint given in black type at the foot of this page last week. We regret to hear that in many cases persons who have regularly purchased our Christmas Numbers for the past dozen years were this year deprived of it through the failure of newsdealers to send in their orders soon enough -we regret this very much, but are unable to do anything. It is impossible to now prepare a second edition, there being so much color printing in this year's Number that the work could not be put through in time. We desire to announce, however, that a second edition of the flag picture-" C" Company Canadian Contingent-will be prepared and placed on sale at a reduced figure.

Things in General.

VERY timely protest has been made by a prominent citizen against the cartage through our principal streets of carrion and filth. Apparently, the drivers of garbage-wagons delight in using the most prominent thoroughfares for loads of most objectionable material, and it having been stated by Dr. Sheard, the Health Officer, that there is no law governing this matter, one should be at once enacted. Dead horses, swill-wagons and loads of stinking things should not be allowed on prominent thoroughfares. In many European cities not only is this sort of thing prohibited, but the prohibition extends to loads of lumber, drays of all sorts; and men carrying lengths of gas or water pipe, or encumbered with large parcels, must either take the back streets or walk in the roadway over the distance for which they have to use a prominent thoroughfare. On our crowded streets it is not fair that pedestrians should be escorted by wagons bearing the most beastly contents, nor should they be jostled and injured by careless bicyclists or porters who occupy more of the street than ten ordinary persons would require. Everybody has a right to the street, it is true, but the convenience of the great mass of pedestrians is infringed upon by the few who rudely, and without the slightest care, enjoy making a nuisance of themselves. The majority should rule, and the convenience of the vast majority should receive more attention than any demagogic clamor that any old thing, dead or alive, has a right to be mixed up with the throng.

The whole daily press having recognized the justice of the complaint that has been made, some means of preventing the nuisance will be found by the City Council. While this task is being undertaken it should be enlarged. It is said that those who have licenses to play organs and peddle small wares, can thrust themselves into any public place, no matter whether the proprietor is willing or feels himself injured. Take, for ine, a number of thoroughly disreputable-looking women who peddle on the principal streets and intrude themselves in restaurants, saloons and business offices. It would appear that no legal resistance can be made to their importunities. If any attempt is made to eject them they sit down on the floor and use the most foul language, and if force is used, those using it. unless they are policemen, can be summoned into the Police Court the next day. I was passing along King street the other day when one of these women was ejected from a prominent saloon and restaurant. She went back and smashed the large glass pane in the door. The proprietor was powerless to punish her, because if she had been summoned she would also have summoned him. I am not taking the pains to enquire whether these keepers of public houses can be legally pestered by these peddlers, or whether those who enter these houses must submit to the solicitations of these people, but I have asked several of them, and they all tell me that they have made enquiries and found that they were defenceless. It cannot have escaped the notice of the police how improperly a number of these so-called peddlers conduct themselves. Even the publican and sinner have some rights and they should be protected from such people. Nor is it the protection of only the proprietors of public places which is necessary. The customers of these public houses should not be subjected to legalized impertinences and persistent solicitation which is nothing but begging in its

I would suggest, if this state of things is correctly under stood, that when a license is given to either man or woman to peddle, or to run a hand-organ or a street-piano, the licens should contain a clause absolutely forbidding such people to enter any licensed house of entertainment for the purpo procuring money. Any day you can see women carrying babies. working the hotels and bar-rooms of the city, female peddlers catching hold of men who are in public houses and saying things which should be heard in no decent place. If the pro prietors of these places cannot protect themselves the police should take the matter up. I will go further and say that young girls selling the War Cry even, should by their superiors be directed to remain outside of such places. Their presence does harm rather than good. Furthermore, the peddlers who pester the large office buildings, if once notified that peddlers are not allowed, should be considered guilty of trespass if they persist in returning. Life is too short and the time of business men too valuable to have any of it lost by the importunities of these beggars, for they are simply nothing but beggars. I believe that if they are unable to make a living these people should be provided for in a suitable place, and I am certain that the people of the city would rather pay their alms in supporting these disguised mendicants in an institution of some sort, than be the victims of their frequent visits and almost unbearable importunities.

HE departmental stores of this city, buying either through a newsdealer or a newsboy, obtained some copies of SATUR DAY NIGHT'S Christmas Number and displayed them at a slightly reduced price. The total number of copies that they obtained must have been very small, and the fact that they con sider our issue attractive enough to induce them to resort to devious ways to procure a few of them to sell to their customers, must be considered as a compliment, though evidently not intended as such nor calculated to do the publishers any good. We simply desire to say that this display was not made with our connivance, for as the issue is already disposed of, and for the past week it has been a question of how to fill our orders, we pannot be suspected of employing departmental store methods in the disposal of that which, unfortunately, has been altogether insufficient edition, though considerably larger than the one of last year.

AGISTRATES must have a strange idea of their duty when stabbed by Arthur Cardinal in the Central Prison, had committed no offence, but was committed to be company for his though we must all admit that our schools must be kept up no given by various denominations, and painting and music, the worst, persons are apt to come to grief. The degenerate satisfied that the dismissal of the two teachers would result in school under provincial supervision? If the School Board spoken of as a resident of New Haven, although it is admitted

having informed the authorities that he had attempted to their removal. Unfortunately, no such confidence is felt. assault him. Surely the whole business should be investigated. Principal MacMurchy, who has been forty-one years in the instifor our prisons are not intended as places of detention for lads who have committed no offence, nor is it the duty of magistrates to get rid of vagrants by glibly committing them to an institution like the Central Prison. Of course if Hughes dies, Cardinal will be hanged, and at any rate his sentence will be greatly increased in severity, but that does not release the community

been discovered. Articles which have already appeared on this

conclusive proof that a reorganization and a revision of our

present methods must be immediately undertaken.

HE Jarvis street Collegiate Institute for years has not been satisfactory to those who pay for its maintenance. That this condition of affairs should have existed without

brute who attacked him, it is said, considers that he did nothing but what was "manly" in punishing the Prison messenger for would be fairly well compensated for the regret incidental to course of a few years the school would not only be self. tution, has been so gentle and kindly in his regard for those teachers under his supervision that it is to be feared that a much more radical change must be made before this school is made as efficient as it should be.

The gentleness of character and considerateness of the Principal have for many years marked him as unable to organize from the sin of placing Hughes in the position in which he has and maintain the school as it must be constituted before the people of the district will be satisfied. To suggest his removal page have indicated that a revision of the present code is absolutely necessary. The Cardinal-Hughes episode furnishes are paying for the school; the majority of them are not personally acquainted with the Principal's endearing qualities. A large number of children are being sent elsewhere, and nothing remains but for the public to insist upon a thorough and drastic change. It is said that there is no provision for a retiring allowance for men like Mr. MacMurchy and Mr. Crawford. It may be dangerous to create a precedent, but if it has to be created reating any popular clamor as it ordinarily finds its expression let this fear be dismissed rather than have an ill-managed in newspapers or in public meetings, can only be accounted for by the respect and affection which are felt for Principal Mac-Murchy. He has been forty-one years in the Jarvis street insti-

course of a few years the school would not only be selfsupporting, but money-making; that hundreds of girls from all over the Dominion and from the Southern States would be domiciled in its neighborhood, either in boarding-houses or in dormitories, under the charge of ladies of various religious denominations; that girls from the city who desired to attend the Collegiate Institute would also find it to their advantage to attend a purely girls' school, and we would practically have a girls' Upper Canada College established in Toronto. The money spent by these young ladies and the amount of good done would thoroughly pay the city for making the experiment. We are trying to make the city one much favored by outsiders. There is no better means of accomplishing this than the method I suggest. The other two schools might be open to boys and girls alike, but the purely girls' school would no doubt attract by its methods and management the better class of young ladies from all over Toronto and Canada. HE silence of General Buller greatly hampers the yellow journals of New York. If they could depend upon receiving ix lines each day from the front, they could easily use this to color six columns daily of interesting reading matter purport-

ing to be wired from the front. But when Gen. Buller retires into complete silence for four or five days at a stretch, during which time the various columns of his army may either be standing still or fighting big battles, it becomes impossible for the yellow journals to write fake despatches without running serious risk of being exposed and made to look ridiculous. General Buller does not seem to care a copper for the newspapers, and the cable lines are monopolized by official despatches, while correspondents for the newspapers of the world write reams of copy that they cannot get transmitted by wire. This is not a yellow-journal war. The generals in charge are military men, not politicians. The first thought of the politician is to see that there are tables and chairs for the reporters, and when you put a politician at the head of an army he considers war correspondents as necessary as cavalry or artillery.

Flushed with the successes of yellow journalism in relation to the United States' war with Spain, and baffled by the silence of General Buller and his indifference to the press, the New York "yellows" are inventing despatches that are rather absurd. One is to the effect that France and the Vatican are proposing to intervene to save the Boer republics. A more absurd combination could scarcely be spoken of even by a There is little sympathy to-day between French humorist. politics and the Church of Rome. Nor is it likely that the Pope is concerned about the Boer republics, where Roman Catholics miss many privileges freely accorded them under British rule.

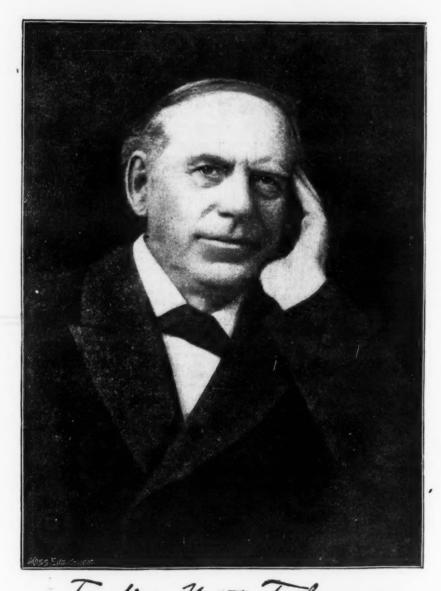
IN IS GRACE ARCHBISHOP O'CONNOR of Toronto does not often place himself in public view. The came and with very little flourish entered upon his important often place himself in public view. He came to Toronto duties, but occasionally the remark is made that he is proving to be as sound a disciplinarian as he was reputed to be at the time of his appointment. There is one story illustrating this phase of his character, and, although I do not vouch for it, yet it is probably true. It is said that when he was Bishop of London one of his parish priests, being ill, secured three months' leave of absence, but remained away six weeks longer without asking permission or sending any word to his Bishop. He was deprived of his parish, and after submitting for a while he came to Toronto and induced the late Archbishop Walsh to intercede for him. The Bishop replied to the Archbishop that he could not accept outside suggestions regarding his own family matters. The priest then interviewed Monsignor Mery del Val, who promised to adjust the difference, and on meeting the then Bishop of London intimated that he wished the priest restored to his parish, and this not being sufficient the Papal Ablegate put it in almost the form of a command. The Bishop at once challenged Monsignor's authority as being insufficient, and Monsignor dropped the matter. The priest some time later journeyed to Rome, where, after three months' waiting about the Vatican, he secured an audience of His Holiness the Pope and secured an assurance that his case would be made the subject of a special communication, and that he might return home with an easy mind. Home he came and reported for duty. But the story goes that the steadfast Bishop, instead of giving him his own parish, sent him out to subordinate duty in another. This is one of several stories, all tending to show that Archbishop O'Connor has great continuity of purpose.

THE Canadians go to the front with the Black Watch and the Seaforths. Now that these regiments have been connected it is unlikely that they will be separated. The Canadians have an opportunity to win glory in South Africa with two of the historical regiments of the Empire. Unless the war falls down and peace is made, our boys will see some fighting. We must recognize the fact that they have been put in with men who know their business, and that the pace set will be swift. It may not be that they will be in the charges and great things that the two old regiments will do, for the Canadians' share may be to hold the fort, but in such company the most glorious things of the campaign are possible for them, and as they did not go out for safety, but to show that they 'soldiers of the Queen," we must bear with equanimity were news of battle in which some of our own fellows fall.

would be a great pity if the Athletic Club passed out of the hands of those who made it one of the best things on the continent. It is a good property and well worth buying in so as to protect those who accepted a mortgage from loss. This splendid institution should not be let fall into desuctude. If the Atheraum Club, which is not too strong, would sell its premises on Church street it might, with public assistance, rescue the Athletic Club from its difficulties and at the same time prevent itself from becoming obsolete. There are many men in Toronto who could well afford to buy the Athletic Club and preseni it to the city. The use of money has not apparently dawned upon those who have made the greatest financial success in Toronto, but it may be that in this crisis some man will rise and provide the money. Those who do something for the boys must always be regarded as the friends not only of their own generation, but of that which follows them. If men who have done much for churches were to change their tactics and do something for the youth of the town, surely they would not be forgotten either by the people or the Providence that rules that the making of the boy is the making of the man. In Montreal it is the fashion for rich men to endow universities and take care of the youth; in Toronto it is the fashion to either give to some distinct charity or to become a prince of a church by the making of large donations.

First of all we have to make the young man act and feel like gentleman, and to give him a good physical training. Why should not those who are always willing to donate large amounts to church projects do something towards making good physical specimens of the Canadian youth by being generous to athletic as well as theological institutions?

DESPATCH from New Haven, Conn., to the Mail and Empire of Monday, states that Capt. A. S. Howard, who handled the gatling guns in the second Riel Rebellion in father or to keep him out of mischief. His dangerous wounds, if they have not already proved fatal, indicate that the best, not alleged to have become antiquated in the service. If we were contained in the general the Canadian North-West, has been secured by the British they have not already proved fatal, indicate that the best, not alleged to have become antiquated in the service. If we were



T. De Witt Talmage

tution, his life has been without repreach, and there is a sincere affection felt for him which is so great a compliment that nothing now said in favor of a thorough reorganization of the whole institution can nullify it. Admitting this, it does not follow that the High School Board of Toronto can afford to overlook the fact that the school over which this esteemed gentleman presides is more expensive and less satisfactory than either of the other two in the city of Toronto. The maintenance of the institution is paid for by the fees of pupils and the taxes of the citizens. It having become for some reason or anunpopular, the fees of the pupils have decreased, the attendance is disproportionate to the expenditure, and the results thoroughly unsatisfactory. The Harbord street school, in a locality more constricted than that of the Jarvis street district, having 351 pupils, with twelve teachers, and the Parkdale school, still less fortunate in loca-tion, with 248 pupils and ten teachers, both present a much etter record. The Jarvis street Collegiate Institute has for its district from Beverley and St. George streets eastward to the city limits; Harbord street has from the western confines of the Jarvis street district to Dundas street and down as far as Queen street. Anyone glancing at the map of the city and remembering that Jarvis street had the advantage of being the oldest of the three, cannot but wonder at this condition of things, The Jarvis street school costs for teachers more money than the others. Admittedly it is giving poorer service. It is alleged that forty or fifty families are sending their children from the Jarvis street district to the other collegiate institutes, while many of them are contributing to private institutions and to Upper Canada College, under circumstances which would not exist were Jarvis street Collegiate Institute better conducted. This is not a matter of sentiment, but of public busines

On Tuesday night two of the teachers in the Jarvis street Institute were dismissed, while a notice of motion for the dismissal of all the teachers and a thorough reorganization was they send the son of a vagrant to prison at his father's request. Apparently young John Hughes, who was look into the condition of things at the old school. It must be look into the condition of things at the old school. It must be tutes. Why not make the Jarvis street institution the center of

The notice of motion for the dismissal of the entire staff and its thorough reorganization should receive the support of the Collegiate School Board. The enormous influences which have been brought to bear to continue the school in its present slumberous condicion should be brushed aside unless those in charge of the collegiate institutes, many of whom are accused of occupying their positions by means of log-rolling instead of by popular election, are to have the whole burden of their useless ness thrust upon them and an amalgamation with the Public School Board forced as an immediate issue. It is quite easy to imagine that men who have received appointments by means of favor and influence would be more easily influenced by the methods they used themselves, than are those who are elected by the people. It may be distinctly said that the people are not satisfied with the Jarvis stree school. If it is not reorganized the people will not be satisfied with those who refuse to attend to this important affair. No amount of influer ce brought to bear to make Messrs. Crawford and McEschern the scapegoats can long delay the thorough reorganization of the Jarvis street school. Those who are resisting the movement will be most unkind to those teachers nost affected by the change. Not only the inefficient teachers. but the inefficient trustees as well will be thrust out. This ousiness has to be attended to, and at once. And now that the natter has once been opened the campaign will not cease until the Jarvis street school is thoroughly manned and modernized. There are many who believe that we have too many collegiate

nstitutes in Toronto. I am of this opinion, and have frequently urged that the Jarvis street school should be made a girls collegiate institute. If about it were grouped dormitories under the charge of ladies of various religious bodies it should not be difficult to have five or six hundred pupils. Throughout the whole of Canada there is an enormous area where schools suitable for girls are not accessible. These girls are now sent to ladies' colleges and convents, where, I am sorry to say, the very saddening to everyone to see old teachers thus thrust aside, a group of ladies' colleges where religious instruction may be

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Mail's despatch says: "Capt. Howard is about 65 years of age, and disliked to undertake the mission in South Africa, but the inducements held out by the British Government are understood to have been very attractive."

This despatch is not in harmony with previous despatches ncerning Capt. Howard. Here we have the story of a reluctant New Haven Captain being coaxed by "attractive inducements" to save an Empire, while a few weeks ago our daily newspapers published despatches describing the splendid rush made by Capt. Howard from the north of Canada in his eagerness to join the Canadian Contingent, only to arrive at Quebec the day after the Sardinian had sailed. The disappointmen of the gatling gun man was described as keen. He was not then described a a citizen of New Haven, but as occupied, along with one of his sons, somewhere in the north country of Canada. The fact probably is that he used his influence with the Canadian Government to be sent to South Africa in some capacity. He is a capable officer, but the British Empire is not crying to New Haven for help.

A Burglar-Proof House.

TILLIAM W. JENKINS, burglar, had his eye on old Mr. Spenlow's house, which bore all the appearance of solid, unostentatious wealth. It was all brown stone and red brick; low brown stone fence and neat $h\varepsilon dges,$ brown stone steps, nothing shoddy or cheap, nothing showy. Leaving the usual confederate outside he pried open the kitchen window, walked stealthily up the stairs, and came unexpectedly upon a room smelling of tobacco and filled with books. A white headed gentleman, reading by a log fire, gave a

little start, and asked the burglar what he wanted. William covered him with a pistol.

"I wish you wouldn't point that at me," said the old man. "I am not used to firearms."

Don't want none of nonsense," growled the burglar. I do not know that he actually growled or whether his voice was pitched high, but the word growled is used out of respect to conventionalities. "Put up your hands and show me where the stuff is." "I will willingly

show you all my stuff, but there is really no necessity for me to put up my hands. I have no weapons of any kind. William felt that he

had forfeited the respect of the profession when he believed the old gentleman and lowered his weapon.

"Won't you take off your mask and sit down? I have some ine fifteen year-old whisk-Say, don't you go fer to guy me. This ain't no tea party. I

"Came unexpectedly on a room

Ah, that's the way of the world," sighed Mr. Spenlow. Business, rush, hurry, noise, trolleys, sensational papers. No leisure for friendly conversation, for reflection, for communion

with the mighty dead. Now, my motto is old books to read, old wood to burn, old friends to talk with, old whisk- Well. I see you are getting impatient. If you want to see the stuff, shall we begin with this room? Any of these books that you have been longing to read?" Blank-blank you!" said William, "I don't want to read

books, and I sin't going to cart a ton of books around to a dealer and get enough to pay cartage. Where's your plate, your watches, your jewelry, your money?" The old man looked a little abashed.

"I really have no jewelry worth speaking of. My watch is a dollar Waterbury, which takes an hour to wind. I have no My cuff and collar buttons are of little value. spoons are only plated; I will show you the marks. The only valuable portable thing I have is that fifteen year-old whisk—" "Money! money!" yelled the burglar impatiently, raising

his pistol again. "You give me all the money in the house and Mr. Spenlow carefully drew out of his pocket and laid on the table a dollar bill, a fifty-cent piece, a quarter, a ten-cent piece,

a five-cent piece and two copper cents. "The last of the quarter's allowance" he remarked sadly,



What people did not see in the papers next day.

and two weeks to come yet. Usually I manage to live just within my income, but there is a new bookstore opened-"Oh blank you and your books and bookstores. Don't tell ne there ain't any more money in this house with all them fine

pictures, and carpets, and furniture-"True, my man, but I can't have these things and keep the money, too. I spend all my income on comforts of this kind. If you would wait a few years I might try to save-At this point a man came in bearing a glass with a reasonable

drink of the much-talked-of fifteen-year-old, the old gentleman's asual nightcap. Of course William covered him. "Don't shoot poor old John," said the proprietor. "He has no money either; in fact, I am afraid I owe him some wages. John, bring a drink for this gentleman.

William at last acknowledged defeat. "I ain't going to wait no longer," he grumbled in the ungrammatical manner which is one of the drawbacks of the pro

"My pal's outside and he'll be frozen." "Bring him in, bring him in," cried the host heartily. And William, seeing the game was up, and hankering for the drink, actually did. The confederate, however, was suspicious, and insisted on accompanying John while he went for the drinks, lest he should give the alarm. Mr. Spenlow looked grieved at this lack of confidence, but readily assented. The entire party, high and low, respectable and criminal, talked together. The burglars proved to be far from interesting, their whole lives having been given up to the pursuit of things which have no specially intended for the Faculty.

that he has spent twenty years of his life in Canada. The real value. No episode in their careers was so surprising as their meeting with a man who had everything that his heart desired and nothing that a burglar could steal. Burglar No. 2 wanted to carry away the bottle, but No. 1 was sufficiently influenced by the geniality generated by the old gentleman and the fifteen-year-old, to prevent this act of spoliation.

The First Canadian Killed in the War.

HE first Canadian slain in the present Transvaal War-so far as known-was Lieutenant Charles Carroll Wood, of the Royal Lancashire Regiment, who was killed in a skirmish near Belmont, Nov. 10th. Lieut. Wood was a graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston, aged 24 years, a native of Halifax. Nova Scotia. His father is Col. J. Taylor Wood, who fought for the South in the Civil War in the United States, and at the conclusion of hostilities took up residence at Halifax. Lieut

Wood was a grand-nephew of Jefferson Davis, and a great grandson of President Zachary Taylor of the United States. A belated telegram from South Africa arrived the other day, saying that there is a pathetic story connected with Lieut. Woods' death. The message says: "In August last he was



Charles Carroll Wood.

showing his young sister the mechanism of a new gun when he accidentally touched the trigger and shot her dead. On leaving for the front, Lieut. Wood expressed a desire that he should be killed in action. It is now quite clear that the Canadians will see some fight-

ing. It was reported that the Colonial troops were only called for in order to make a demonstration illustrating the size of the Empire, and in order to bring about a sounder compact between the various component parts of the Empire. From this it was argued that the Colonial troops would not be required to do more than play a part in a world-spectacle. For instance, a despatch from London stated some time ago that the Canadians would be drilled for a month at Cape Town. This has not been done, so we may conclude that this was not intended or that the Canadians were found to be in no special need of further drill. At all events, the Canadians were not on land a day before arrangements were under way for sending them forward with Australian and British troops to protect the rear of Lord Methuen's column A special cable to the Montreal Star from London says that

Gen. Buller, before leaving England, expressed his intentions regarding the Colonial troops as follows: "I mean to put these Colonial boys right in front. We will then see who will win." There were 150 Australian Lancers with Lord Methuen at Modder River, and although none of them are included in the casualties so far reported, one of them has been mentioned in the despatches for distinguished bravery, Capt. Sellpein, who, with Col. Codrington of the Coldstreams and a dozen men, swam the river in the face of a scathing fire.

The Canadian war correspondents have not yet begun to send reports, although two of them have been heard from. Charles Lewis Shaw, who left two weeks earlier than the Canadian Contingent, was present at the battle of Belmont, and the correspondent of the Daily News in London cabled to that paper Mr. Shaw's report of the British charge up the hill. Mr. Shaw represents a syndicate, including the Toronto Tele gram and other papers. Frederick Hamilton, the Globe cor-respondent, on landing with the Contingent at Cape Town, cabled his paper that all were well, except Pte. Deslauriers of Ottawa, who died on the third day at sea, and Pte. Martin, also of Ottawa, who broke his ankle.

The School of Science Banquet.

LOT of young men gathered from all corners of the country, storing their minds with exact practical knowledge to fit them for expert work in the developing of Canada, yet not saddened by what they have to learn nor grown heavy with what they know-these were the students of the School of Practical Science who held their annual banquet at the Temple Cafe on Friday night last. It was, in every way, a most enjoyable banquet. Principal Galbraith, other members of the faculty and many guests sat at the head table, and beamed on the tables where one hundred and fifty students sat. The noticeable thing was the excellent "family feeling," if I may so express it, which pervaded the whole affair. The students declared themselves occasionally in college yells, but always with proper deference to the rights of the speakers, not one of whom was interrupted or met with anything but cordiality. Perhaps this does not fully express what I meanstudents seldom are discourteous to any speaker at any dinnerbut in this case they were attentive and cordial to a noticeable

Perhaps, without injustice to the other speakers, who all spoke well and after the manner of practical men said much in an unpretentious way, it would not be unfair to say that Prof. Hutton, who represented Toronto University, proved himself an excellent after dinner speaker. There were several good speeches, but that of Prof. Hutton was particularly graceful and humorous. That he is not oftener heard at public banquets must be due to the fact that he declines many invitations.

President Thomas Shanks occupied the the chair and he pro-osed the toast of "The Queen." This was replied to with nearty cheering. "Canada and the Empire" was propo-E. V. Neelands and replied to by Dr. Coleman and L. B. Stewart; "Legislature," proposed by C. H. C. Wright, responded to by Mr. Miller and Mr. Southworth; "University of Toronto," proposed by Mr. Alian, responded to by Prof. Hutton; "Faculty," proposed by Mr. Hare, responded to by Prof. Galbraith and Dr. Ellis; "The Profession," proposed by J. A. Johnson, responded to by Wm. Chipman and Mr. A. F. Wickson; "Sister Institutions," proposed by F. W. Thorold, responded to by Mr. Byers of McGill College, Mr. Stevens of Queen's College, W. Gunn of the Toronto Dental College, and representatives of Toronto Literary Society, Toronto Medical College and athletic department; "Athletics," proposed by Mr. Revell, and responded to by T. Burnside and Mr. Jackson The Ladies," proposed by Mr. Chubbick, responded to by Mr. Douglas; "Graduates and Graduating Class," proposed by Mr. Bertram, responded to by J. A. Duff and Mr. Roof; "The Freshmen," proposed by Mr. Rigsby, responded to by Mr.

Interspersed with the speeches were vocal and instrumental selections by the students. An amusing incident of the dinner was the bringing on "at half time," of a huge jug-capable of holding eight or ten gallons of anything-labelled as being

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HIS year's conver-azione at Victoria College quite eclipsed its predecessors in arrangements and attendance, and was an exceedingly smart and enjoyable affair. Miss Mowat, attended by Captain Law, arrived early, and spent an hour with Mrs. Burwash receiving on a pretty canopied dais in the corridor on the first floor, e daibcing placed between

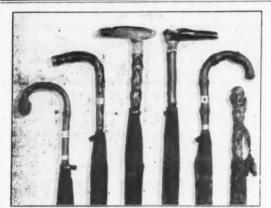
the doors of the chapel, where a fine concert took up the time until after ten o'clock. The decora-tions of Victoria in the college colors and many

accessories of ferns, palms and flowers, were very grand, no expense having been spared by those two loyal an I liberal women, Mrs. Treble and Mrs. Eaton, who took this labor of love for their friends into their own generous and willing hands. In sumptuous and beautiful kowns these ladies were conspicuous during the evening, moving among the guests and ably assisting the Chancellor and Mrs. Burwash, the professors and their wives, to entertain everyone, Many handsome women and charming girls chatted merrily through the strolls which take the place of dancing in this institution each year. Prominent among these were: Mrs. Bull and her dark-eyed sister-in-law, Miss Bull, with a sister, Miss Brennan, a popular visitor from Hamilton; Mrs. Masson, the witty French woman, wife of M. Masson, in a pretty pink and black toilette; Mrs. R. J. Tackaberry, who had a sweet young girl in charge; Mrs. Alfred Clark, (nee Boustead) who looked very well indeed; Mrs. G. W. Ross, and her daughter, Miss Nellie, bright and happy as usual; Mrs. Torrington, Mrs. McIntyre, of the Presbyterian Ladies' College, in a handsome gown of jet and lace; Dr. and Mrs. Sweetnam, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, with any number beside of reverend and professional men, their wives, daughters, sisters and sweethearts. Mrs. Eaton was a picture in a silver grey satin brocade, her snowy hair turned back from her brow, a la Pompadour. Mrs. Treble wore electric blue silk, shaded with rose color and trimmed with Honiton lace. The music was furnished by a large and excellent orchestra led by D'Ales andro, and the refreshments were very nicely served by Webb. About six hundred guests were at this delightful event, and though the crowd at the rendezvous was a bit pressing, it dispersed during the promenades, and wandered at will through the beautiful halls and rooms. The College Glee Club, the College Mandolin and Guitar Club, Miss Carter on the violin, and Miss Berryman in recitations, with Mr. Carnahan in war songs, and Mr. Torrington's new soprano, Miss Eileen Millett, made up the concert programme. The 1899 conversat, committee were: Messrs, W. E. Gilroy, W. K. Allen, J. G. Davidson, A. R. Chapman, G. A. Ferguson, A. Henderson, C. B. Sessons, J. L. Stewart, J. R. Van Wyck, W. R. Archer, C. B. Bingham, R. G. Dingman, E. W. S. Coates, E. H. Joliffe, T. M. Buley, W. W. Wagg, and E. Lawson.

Mrs. A. J. Somerville will entertain at half-past four on Saturday next. The At Home will test the capacity of her beautiful new home-Atherly.

The Battleford Column Association have issued invitations to their friends for Sunday afternoon, December 10, at three o'clock, to witness the unveiling by His Excellency Lord Minto of the Memorial Tablet, erected in the Armories, to the memory of the heroes of the Battleford Column who were killed or wounded in 1885. Lord Minto comes pre-eminently as a soldier on this visit to Toronto, and it is worthy of remark that we don't often welcome a Governor-General who is equally a sportsman, a soldier and a social success. Lord Minto is all three.

Very many friends assembled at Mr. J. W. F. Harrison's pretty home in Dunbar road on Saturday on the invitation of Mrs. Harrison, with the great attraction of hearing Mr. Watkin Mills sing, as well as the enjoyment of meeting congenial Toronto musicians and lovers of the gentle art, as the inducements moving them to show up at this tea, no matter how many others they missed. And there were half a dozen others, large and small, on Saturday afternoon. The clever hostess, who is a musician of much culture as well as an authoress yearly achieving greater power and fame, received in the drawing-room, with Mr Harrison beside her to join in her bright welcome. Mr. Watkin Mills, always heartily generous in his pleasure-giving, delighted the large company with four or five songs-late-comers got Kipling splendidly sung, The Ford at Cabul River and The Road to Mandalay being the selections. Music in the drawing room, and lots of nice things to eat in the dining-room, where was a sweetly pretty table done with white hyacinths and green, and presided over by a party of charming girls divided the time to everyone's satisfaction. And it was



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quite late when the guest of honor and all his pleased hearer said good-by, not until Mr. Watkins Mills had a profusely hospitable record of dinner, tea and supper engagements on his cuff for Sunday keeping. By the way, a song which pleased all the Irish hearers at Friday's concert was The Banshee, with a most realistic wall, quite worthy of a banshee in a most aristocratic family. Though a Gloucester man, Mr. Watkin Mills makes a banshee wail equal to Ireland's oldest tradition.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Andrews received at their lovely home in Rosedale last Saturday, and those who had thought it an ideal place for a summer tea last season found it equally charming on this occasion. "A dream," "A perfect residence," said the guests, as they roamed through Whispers while this tea was in progress. Whispers, by the way, owes its name to the imaginative young son of the house, Master Gordon, who listened to the wind talking through the great old Rosedale trees, many of which surround the charming home, and evolved Whispers therefrom. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews received in the first of the beautiful rooms, which reveal each in turn a new attraction. The ideal billiard-room, where the silver-haired mother of the hostess held her court; the pretty dining-room, the cosy little nooks, and the artistic hall and stairway have been planned by a master hand and are perfect in every part. Somewhere was an orchestra, playing soft, sweet music; everywhere the duet, and an occasional chorus of men and women's talk and pleasant laughter and merriment. A few of the guests were: Mrs. and Miss Wyatt, Mrs. Edward Fisher and Miss Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Miss O'Hara, Mrs. Gibson, Miss Macklem, Rev. Ernest Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Sykes, Mrs. A. Burritt and Miss Phemie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald North-Burritt and Miss Phemie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Northcote, Mrs. and Miss Florrie Patterson, Miss Lamport, Mrs.
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Messer, Pointer, Marsland, Buderen, Weller, Mrs. Messrs. Daintry, Marsland, Dudemain, Wedd and Morris. A number of Webb's men served an elegant buffet, where Mrs. McLean, sister of the hostess, was in charge, and a huge bowl of "cup" was set in another of the beautiful rooms. The buffet was done with pink roses, arranged in a tall crystal vase.

Mr. and Mrs. Piper are at 5011 Sherbourne street, and Mrs. Piper receives on Mondays. Mr. and Mrs. J. Enoch Thompson and their family have returned from Niagara Falls, and taken a house, 613 Church street, where Mrs. Thompson and Miss Amy Seton Thompson receive on the first and second Mondays. Mrs. Macdongall of Carlton Lodge gave an informal musical on Friday evening, at which Mr. Dudemain, who is a late acquisition to Toronto social and artistic circles, played very beautifully. I hear that the marriage of Mr. George Brooke and Mrs. Hetherington (nee Fitch) will take place before the New Year. Mrs. Cawthra of Guiseley House gives a tea next Monday after-noon. To-day Mrs. Sigmund Samuel of 21 Madison avenue will give an afternoon tea. Mrs. Samuel was one of last year's brides, a very beautiful London girl, and a considerable heiress.

Miss Katherine Sherar's girls' heads, which were so much admired at Matthews', are to be excelled by an exhibition of her New Women shortly. I hear the new women are simply im-

Mr. Alec Creelman was greeted by many friends on his short stay over Sunday in town.

Mrs. Jos. W. Pearen of Brampton is visiting in the city, and is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. (Dr.) R. H. Henderson, 245 Carl-

Mrs. Hunt, wife of ex-Alderman E. N. Hunt of London, after spending a few weeks with friends in Listowel, Collingwood and Toronto, returned home this week.

Mrs. Patterson of Embro is visiting in town.

A very pleasant dinner was given to Sir William Van Horne at the Toronto Hunt Club last Saturday evening, at which the Master presided, and where beautiful and clever women were an added attraction; in fact, the dinner was of their planning 1 am informed. Sir William was, as ever, the genial cultured man of note, who is so much liked by all who know him, always ready to talk, and talk well, on any subject of interest nowadays. Art, literature, travel, business, social affairs-the big mind of the Railroad Emperor can handle them all ably. The guests at Saturday's dinner included Mr. and Mrs. Beardmore, Mr. Fiske, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Patteson, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Barwick, Mrs. Spragge, Mrs. FitzGibbon, Dr. and Miss

Mrs. FitzGibbon spent the early summer in a visit to the great North-West, being interested and fascinated by the land of magnificent distances, and particularly by its newest in-habitants, the peace loving Doukhobors, of whose emigration we heard so much last season. To hear Mrs. FitzGibbon describe the noble women who are to "make the country" out there is a treat everyone cannot enjoy, but everyone can read her clever letters which are being published in pamphlet form by the Briggs Company this week. The expenses of publication covered, all of the money from the sale of this pamphlet goes as a Christmas box to provide many needed things for Mrs. FitzGibbon's protegees.

Mr. Watkin Mills was entertained at dinner on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Alley, at their home in Earl street.

Mrs. D. E. Thomson gave a large and elegant tea for the ming-out of her daughter, Miss Ethel, on Friday afternoon, at her residence in the Queen's Park. Mrs. Thomson received in a very handsome heliotrope silk gown, and the debutante, in mousseline, stood beside her mother and was presented to the ladies who by scores attended the tea. Miss Thomson was in the tea-room, where the lovely table of shining mahogany was set only with a centerpiece of lace and embroidery, on which a huge vase of white roses rested, and some silver bon bonnieres and cake plates. Everyone remarked on the extreme daintiness of the refreshments. The young ladies assisting vere: Misses Phillips, Helen Harris, Florence Lamport Florence Davis, Kathleen Burke and Mamie Millichamp, An rchestra was stationed in the hall and played during the tea.

Miss Butler, who has been visiting Mrs. Perrin, returned home on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. George Evans are congratulated upon the arrival of a young son and heir. The most charmingly picturesque studio imaginable is Mr. Dickson Patterson's, where on Thursday evening quite a galaxy of beauty, young girls just out, were assembled, with a proper complement of men for a dance as unique as it was delightful.

The death of Miss Robertson, devoted daughter of Judge and Mrs. Robertson, shocked many friends of the sweet lady. who has suffered for some time, and underwent an operation at the General Hospital, from the strain of which she was unable to rally. Miss Robertson's high-bred face and finished manner singled her out as a woman of rare natural gifts and culture while her loving attendance upon her invalid mother endeared her yet more to appreciative friends. Miss Robertson was a graceful horsewoman, and frequently followed the hounds.

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Though we repent, can any God give back The dear, lost days we might have made so fair-Turn false to true, and carelessness to care And let us find again what now we lack?

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Mrs. Robert Cartwright and her little daughters were in town for a short visit this week, en route for Chicago. They were the guests of Mrs. Dignam, who gave a delightful little tea for the friends of Mrs. Cartwright, another dear lady whose

Miss Gooderham to assist thereat, and Mrs. Albert Gooderham and Miss Alieen are to have a table also loaded with temptations to spendthrifts.

Mr. Ridout of Rosedale House goes abroad shortly to be absent for a long visit with Mrs. Ridout and the little ones on the Continent.

A very large and very jolly tea was that which took place at Mrs. A. R. Creelman's residence in the Queen's Park on Wednesday afternoon, and the spacious house was filled with the smartest of women and the prettiest of girls, while later on a number of young men arrived for a pleasant evening with the busy young ladies who had served so carefully the good things of the profusely provided tea-room. There has not been a more sociable and delightful reunion this season than Wednesday's tea.

The sudden death of Mr. and Mrs. Macdougall of Carlton Lodge has gone to Peterboro' to stay with her daughter, Mrs. Young, about whose home the storks are reported to home the storks are reported to home in my health and I continued to improve right along after leaving off coffee, and town after three years' use I feel so well that I am almost young gain. I know Postum was the cause of the change in my health and I continued to improve right along after leaving off coffee, and town after three years' use I feel so well that I am almost a content of the content.

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Mrs. Albert Gooderham and Miss Alten mare to have the metation to patent with the my pass and afternoon and afternoon that the metation to pass a first I gave but little attention to them, thinking it was a fraud like so many I had tried, but finally something which was remarkable for the many types of Canadian beauty to be seen. Miss Beatrice Ball made her debut, and with the other nieces of the kind hostesses made the profusely provided to the members of the kind h young ladies who had served so carefully than Wednesday's tea.

and Friday, the sale in aid of Indian missions will take place. High tea will be served on Thursday evening, and the ladies of St. Peter's have a reputation for high teas which they well merit. Mrs. J. F. W. Ross is to have a doll table, with Miss Gooderham to assist thereat, and Mrs. Albert Gooderham and Miss Aileen

quietly indeed at S . Thomas' church last week. The bride, whose charming personality is well known, looked very well in a white silk brocaded gown, a very beautifully arranged tulle veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white roses. Her sister attended her, wearing a dainty white gown and picture hat. Mr. Northey, brother of the groom, was best man. Mr. Rein Wadsworth, brother of the bride, led her in and gave her away. The chancel was beautifully decorated with white mums and palms. Mrs. Wadsworth wore a becoming grey gown with touches of pink, and carried pink roses. Only the family circle and a few very intimate friends witnessed the

Mrs. Young, wife of Major Young of Stanley Barracks, who had a nasty accident in Bloor street last week, is now quite better, and her friends have no more cause for anxiety on her account.

Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. McLean gave a most enjoyable tea on Saturday, when a beautiful home, flowers and music, good cheer upon a pretty tea-table and a pleasant greeting to all these nice things was the combined attraction which gathered a large party of men and women to pass a bright hour on a rather gloomy day. Mrs. Pratt, in a quiet black gown relieved with lace and chiffon, and her graceful daugh ter, Mrs. McLean, in cerise crepe with applications of black lace, received in the drawing room. Mrs. Robert Christie, Mrs. Hargraft, Mrs Harry Beatty and Miss Hees were at the tea-table, which was done very daintily in pink with roses. Mrs. Arthur McLean, a visitor from Chicago, was beautifully dressed in heliotrope and white, with lace and violets. Men, and plenty of them, for it was their half-holiday, were at this pleasant tea.

One of the December dances which the young folks are more than sure to enjoy will be given at Benvenuto to celebrate the coming out of Miss Bertha and Mis Ethel Mackenzie, who have recently returned from abroad and make their debut

On Saturday week Nr. and Mr. Herbert Mason and others chaperoned a large party of friends over to St. Catharines to witness the presentation of a flag to the junior collegians, and also the opening of their new residence, a cut of which appears in another column. The college authorities entertained the visitors at a most tempting collation in the new dining-hall, after which a short service was held in the large class-room. The guests were far too numerous to be accommodated in this apartment, and crowded the corridor and stairway. The smartest of St. Kit's citizens were pre sent, while from Toronto came Mrs. W. S. Lee, Mr. A. B. Lee, Mrs. MacMurchy, Mrs. and Miss VanderSmissen, Miss Knox of Havergal College, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. Mervyn Mackenzie, Miss Homer Dixon, Mrs. Lumbers, Mrs. Mc-Connell, Miss Mason of Ermeleigh, Major and Mrs. Manley, Mrs. Murray Alexander.

On Monday afternoon a house wedding at the beautiful new home of Major Pellatt united his niece, Miss Fredrica Walton, and Dr. Murray McFarlane of Carlton street, whose nuptials were very quietly celebrated owing to the recent bereavement in the groom's family. Miss Edith Clouse was bridesmaid and Dr. Herbert Bruce best man. Only relatives witnessed the ceremony, after which the party enjoyed a dainty dejeuner, and the bride and groom departed for a honey moon in the States.

A very beautiful and strikingly cosy olor scheme has been evolved by Mr. Lyonde in the new decoration of his studio and reception room; the rosy walls and frieze of large flowers on white ground are very pretty, and specially please his lady sitters, who number among them Toronto's best people. The esthetic little effice downstairs has been curtailed to give more window show room, and splendid collection of work is on view. A large consignment of new frames from the king of designers and makers, Pape of Cincinnati, is to be seen at Lyonde's, and how muc t the frame can enha beauty of the picture can easily be demonstrated. Bog oak in antique green tints, empire fram in very rich gold, brown and grey and dull green, and sienna with gilded stude, are som : of Pape's new conceits. Mr. Lvor de has artistic perception s) well developed that his taste in mounting and faning his pictures is only second to his work upon the study itself.

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Social and Personal. HE marriage of Mr. Stephen Murray Jarvis, son of Mr. Arthur Jarvis, and Miss Marcella Montgomery, daughter of Mr. J. T. Montgomery, took place at the residence of the bride's parents on Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, in the presence of a smart party of relatives and invited guests. The bay-window of the drawing-room was festooned with wreaths of green, from the center of which a marriage bell of green nung suspended, and the lights were softly shaded in pink, making a very pretty effect. Miss Montgomery's bridal gown was of rich white satin, with a long train, guimpe and sleeves of fine lace, and small shoulder caps of satin edged with pearl passementerie. Deep frills of lace finished the sleeves at the wrists, and a very high pointed collar of satin the neck. The veil was very long. shrouding the train and worn off the face, with long sprays of orange blossems most artistically arranged in the coiffure. Always a bright sparkling beauty, Miss Montgomery was a picture in her bridal attire. Miss Jessie Montgomery, her sister, was maid of honor, wearing white organdle trimmed with narrow flounces and bands of baby ribbon, and carrying pink roses. A beautiful crown of full blown pink roses was fastened upon her dark hair, with novel and strikingly good effect. Mrs. Machray's two little daughters were the bride maidens, in white, with bouquets of red carnations and white hyacinths. Mr. Castell Hopkins was best man, taking the place of Mr. Jarvis of New York, who was unavoidably detained. Mr. Montgomery gave away the bride, and Rev. Charles Shortt was the officiating minister. An orchestra, hidden in the hall, played the Wedding March as the lovely bride entered and the bridal group formed before the waiting clergyman. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis received the good wishes of the company, and everyone enjoyed the very dainty de-jeuner, served on a table beautiful with pink roses and ribbons, and drank the health of the bridal couple and tasted the wedding-cake. A room full of handsome presents was arranged upstairs-cheques, silver and cut glass, exquisite

fancy work and the usual plenty of dainty things; a very pretty jeweled clock from Mrs. Melvin-Jones, a silver candelabrum from Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hope, a silver cream and sugar service, pictures and many other beautiful things were much admired. Mrs. Jarvis went away in a dull green cloth gown, seal coat, and green toque with mottled feathers, and after the honeymoon the young couple will reside in St. Louis, where Mr. Jarvis recently received a good appointment. Among the wedding guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont Jarvis, Mr. Stephen Jarvis, Miss Nina Clarkson, Mr. Harold Jarvis of Detroit, Mr. Calvin of Kingston, Mrs. Vankoughnet and her two charming daughters. daughters, Mrs. McKinnon and Mrs. Machray; Mrs. Sweny, Mr. Perceval Ridout, Major and Mrs. Greville Harston, Mrs. Leigh, Mr. and Mrs. Miles, the Misses Dupont, Mrs. H. D. P. Armstrong, Mrs. Wm. Lount, Mr. and Mrs. S. Alfred Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wright and Miss Nicoll, Mr. Harry MacMillan, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Cowan of Oshawa, Mrs. Will mott, Mrs. Ross, Miss Jessie Rowand, the Misses Elmsley, Miss Edyth Jarvis, Miss Ireland, Mrs. Mullens, Miss Armstrong, Miss Law, the Misses Cattanach, Major Tassie, Mr. Cattanach, Mr. Willson. Mr. Montgomery, the bride's brother, of Montreal, was a welcome visitor home for the happy occasion. The bride's mother wore a rich black satin gown, with guimpe of cream, and a pretty aigrette and velvet bow

families to a like distinction. The Bain Book and Stationery Company's small window in Yonge street is Just now the art-room, in rear of the sale-room, has some very attractive things on exhibition, mainly a sumptuous collection of calendars, distingues Gibson girls and men; military calendars (if there are any left-they went like wildfire!); baby calendars: Landseer calendars (the dearest doggies!); sporting calendars, each month with its proper pastime, and in addition a delightful lot of little framed pictures, the latest rage in New York and London for Christmas gifts. A pretty and popular lady will have a dozen of these about her boudoir this holiday week. They are sure to be received with pleasure and treasured as their worth merits. Bain's calendars and little framed pictures should be entirely sold out before Christmas Eve.

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Thomas to Naomi Selina Shankilo.
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Deaths. TAYLOR—Dec. 6, Martha Taylor, aged 73. Hogan—Nov. 29, William L. Hogan, aged HOGAN-NOV. 29, William L. Hogan, aged 4 months. WARDEN-Dec. 5, Gooderham Warden, aged 2. CLEMO-Mrs. Joseph F. Clemo. aged 63. BROMLEY-Dec. 6, Harry Brooks Bromley, aged 1 week. BEET N.—Dec. 5, William Byles Beeton, aged 76. LAKE—Dec. 5, Stacey Lake. ATHERLEY-Dec. 2, Mrs. William Atherley, aged 52, HONSBERGER-Dec. 5, Merton F. Honsberger, aged 22.

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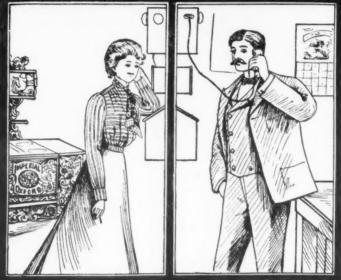
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Natural History With Anecdote, by A. H. Miles, profusely illustrated with colored plates, is a brightly written book and sure to win its way, while Stalky & Co. by Rudyard Kipling, and With Fife and Drum at Louisbourg by J. Macdonald Oxley, will be warmly welcomed by the boys. The last named has a Canadian theme and is a stirring story of the Boston expedition against Louisbourg.

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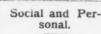
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get out, if anyone crowd is apt to be mething tremendous about six o'clock. Such was the case on Monday, and a very merry crowd it was; from the happy word of welcome of Mrs. Lee, in her delicate shimmering gown of silk and lace, and the hearty echo from her daughter, Miss Mabel, in her most becoming green frock, with lace guimpe and sleeves, to the re-motest corner of the opposite side of the house was a constant scene of greeting, laughing and good cheer. In the tea-room, the table, crowned with white 'mums set in a billowy mass of green tulle and looking very fresh and dainty, was attended by Mrs. Cecil Lee, Miss Leila Mackay, Miss Phemie Smith, Miss Aileen Gooderham and Miss McMurrich, while the sweet little granddaughter of the

house managed to find small crevices in the crush through which she slipped, thoughtfully offering goodies to anyone who seemed unattended. To tell who was there would take up a full column, but some who looked exceedingly well were Mrs. Russell, in a delicate grey gown; Miss Constance Beardmore, radiant and full of fun; Miss Violet Gooder-ham, Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Barnhardt, the ever-popular sisters, who were a couple of last year's brides; Mrs. Augustus Burritt, in a stunning frock, Mrs. Willie Davidson, and her equally smart sister, Mrs. McKenzie Alexander; Miss Erie Temple, in a most fetching hat; Mrs. Riddell in a stunning deep purple and Burgundies Mrs. Riddell in a stunning deep purple velvet go n, opening over a vest of white satin, and a very chic hat piled with roses Mrs. Acton Burrows, Mrs. Creelman, Mrs. Nesbitt, Miss Antoinette Plumb, looking very well after her long visit out of town ; Mrs. Arthurs and her jolly daughter, Mrs. Godfrey; Mrs. W. E. and Miss Hamilton; Mrs. Charles Sheard, Mrs. Brouse, Mrs. Gooderham of Maplecroft and her handsome daughters, Mrs. Eddie Gooderham, Mrs. Grayson Smith in a lovely gown, Mrs. Waldie and Miss Waldie, Mrs. Snider of Deer Park, Mrs. Willie Crowther, Mrs. MacMurchy, Mrs. Walter Beardmore, Mrs. Roaf, Mrs. Ross Gooderham, Mrs. Willie Lee, Mrs. and the Misses Cowan, Miss Michie and Mrs. R. Cowan; Miss Helen Armstrong in a very pretty gray frock and hat; the Misses Mortimer Clark, Miss Alice Stewart, Mrs. and Miss Kittie Paterson, Mrs. and Miss Evelyn Cox, Mrs. and Miss Elwood, Miss Bessie Hees, Mrs. and Miss Phillips, Mrs. W. Gooderham, Miss Nellie McConkey of Guelph, Miss

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Very cosy and welcome was the good cheer of Mrs. J. Enoch Thompson's drawng-room and bright grate-fire on that cold Monday this week, when with her charming youngest daughter she received many welcomes back to Toronto. Owing to a carriage accident in which Miss Thompson

had a narrow escape from a very serious injury, that popular young lady is not just now strong enough to enjoy the jolly dances of the early season.

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"Spunky and spirity for sech a whiffett," said Bet Boone cordially. "Say, Bill, give us an introduce! I'm for makin' friends first lick.'

Bill presented his bride.

"Bess, this here's Bet Boone, her as shot her man, you mind I told you 'bout Mrs. Burt put out her hand with a

swift, hearty clasp in it, and said,
"Pleased to meet you," and Bet's scowl at Bill's words cleared up into a wide smile. "Will you step in?" said she, hastily,

throwing open the front door of the very most disreputable house in Bonesville. "Had we best step in, Bill?" enquired Mrs. Burt politely pausing. Bill hurried

his bride away. Most likely we will, one day when we ain't so pressed and drove, I thank you," he stammerd, flustered out of his usual sang froid. A knot of loafers were clustered around the closed saloon, but Bill disappointed them.

"Bar don't open to-day," he said briefly, and he and his bride passed through the side door of the wooden house, and disappeared from view.

A low murmur went around the group, but they allowed it wasn't fair to press their droughty needs upon stalwart Bill on his marriage day, and soon slouched away. The shutters flew open upstairs, a little brown head like a bird's popped out; by-and-bye, a little soft song mingled with sounds of sweeping, dusting, frying and boiling, and in less time than most women would have taken to loosen their shoes and wash their faces, Mrs. Bill Burt rang a little cracked bell, and Bill emerged from the dimly lighted bar exclaiming, Well, Bess, you do beat all for motion

For the first time in his life Bill Burt spread a dinner napkin on his broad knee ; then he called across the table in an un necessarily loud voice, "Come here, you! Bess flitted round the small table.

Kiss a man!" commanded Bill, grinning. She put both her arms around his neck, and gave him a hearty smack just under his drooping black moustache. Then she coughed.

"It's just the liquor smell," she said. laughing. "It took away my breath." Bill gave her a quick, sharp glance, but

her brow was clear and her eyes smiling. "It is strong," he said apologetically, "and not so good second-hand. Well, after I've ate you can give me another, with no liquor in."

The day passed merrily. Bess fairly mesmerized the dishes, and furniture, and curtains, and rugs. The home was well fitted out, with some pretensions to richness, and before nightfall the new mistress had imparted an indescribable touch of refinement as well. Bill was worn out, so hard had he to work to keep pace with his bride, and he announced his intention of strolling down to the postoffice to find out whether the mail

You might invite that friendly woman to step around," said Bess carelessly, and Bill sat down at once. For some hitherto unknown feeling was working in him, making him abhor the idea of a close contact between Bess and Bet. After a little a knock came at the door.

'It's only me!" cried Bet's voice, and while Bill swore a deep malediction, Bess hurried to open the door.

I wondered if you'd step around," she said pleasantly. "Take a chair and set

The women talked while Bill smoked presently his brow grew clear, and he rose and left the room. This was the first conversation in which Bet Boone had ever taken part to his knowledge without profuse and pronounced profanity. "She kin act the lady!" he muttered in amaze-

II.

A FTER Bet's visit and report thereon, Bonesville took up Mrs. Burt. They called on her, good, bad and indifferent, they gave evening drives and sails and picnics for her, and, when they heard her sing, they got up a concert, on the programme of which her name appeared six times. Bonesville became her slaves in the mad and heartwhole manner of the West. Such a trig, merry, bright, youthful creature, whose influence everyone yielded to and nobody felt; as for Bill, he was too proud to keep still and too proud to speak, alternately smiling and frown-

Business was good at the saloon; crowds after Mrs. Burt's piano came, to hear her play her scales and sing her ballads. of hand-claps would smite the night air

THEY came, a newly-married couple, in twain, then Mrs. Burt would at once sing it over again.

"She's had bringin' up, that gal yourn," remarked old Solomon Isaacs, whose name was Hank Smith, but had been aliased in Jewish guise by the exigencies of business-Mr. Smith being the owner of the pawn shop.

"You bet," replied Bill carelessly, but proud, nevertheless, for Hank Smith was down on all femininity.

"She has folks?" enquired Hank.
"Nary," said Bill shortly. "She's orphint, leastways she wus till she got

"Nary, I told you. Don't be so allfired thick, Sol. I don't fret over Bess and her folks. I'm folks enough for her, I guess! Solomon looked at the massive limbs the grand torso and the fine head crowned with raven curls and smiled.

'Guess you be," he said. Bonesville was proud of Bessie Burt. The first question asked of strangers who were conversationally disposed, after the usual catechism of personalities, was, "Seen Bill Burt's wife yet?" The stranger would perhaps stare, and enquire Who's she?" Then a description, varied only in form, according as it emanated from a digger, a lodging house keeper, the minister or the town constable, would give the stranger cause to remark, Guess she's a fine woman," which would immediately call forth the heartiest of assents, and in two cases out of the four an instant invitation to take something, and a respectful indication that "Miss Burt lived off the saloon, you see."

Bill was the same old heavy handed, nononsense-here sort of bar-tender as of yore, but gradually there crept even into the atmosphere of the bar room a taste of reserve and decency. Foul oaths grew scarce and smothered; strange diggers were amazed to be smartly shut up in the first stanzaof a ribald song; no one was allowed to thus hurt the feelings of Bill Burt's wife, though how the gang came to the knowledge that such would be the result, or why they cared though it were, not one of them could have circumstantially explained.

Bet Boone gave up swearing. "I've quit," she announced, when some crony remarked upon it. "It's no trick fer a woman to get into. Might's well war the pants at oncet.

The crony sneered openly. "Larning Eastern company manners?' she asked iclously, but Bet only shrugged her shapely shoulders and said carelessly, Shouldn't wonder."

No one knew what it cost her, in self denial, to break off a habit of years. But she did more than leave off swearing. She lived purely, in an adamantine virtue that no money, or coaxing, or association could melt into a lapse. The scarlet curtain, piteous badge of herformershame, disappeared from the front window of her home, and those who came were greeted with a gust of steam and soapsuds, and a vision of Bet's fine form bending over washtub or ironing board, deaf to any dealings but those of a laundress, and looking like a Venus in her foam of frothy soapsuds.

Once she was surprised singing a verse of the day, simple and sweet, and as trolled forth by buxom Bet, quite effective-She crimsoned under the bold compliment of the half-drunken miner who had stepped over her threshold, and in half a moment he was flying head foremost into the road. way, with a bucketful of grimy soapsuds after him. So Bet held the fort-and by degrees Bonesville respected even her.

The minister moved into Bonesville very soon after Mrs. Burt arrived, he and his delicate little wife, and a written notice was pinned on the church door that ser vices would be held on the following Sabbath. Mrs. Burt smiled when she read the scrawl, and while she and Bill supped and chatted she said in her bright pleasant way :

"We're gettin' quite a town, Bill. There's a preacher come at last, and there's to be meeting on Sunday. That just finishes my wants, for I've felt real lonesome for a good sing and a real old fashioned church meeting. Would you like for us to have minister and his wife for tea tomorrer? I'm going to bake in the morn-

Now, if there was one thing more than another that Bill Burt hated, it was a preacher, not for any particular reason, but just on general principles, and for one moment his wife saw such a scowl as she had not yet seen on his hand-ome black brows. But she handed him his fourth cup of tea blithely, and went on :

"He's the littlest bit of a man, and Bill, he minds me a little of pa, do you know? I felt just like going over and telling him to come right in and see you, so you could notice it! His wife is little too, and pale and sickly. I think, Bill, she's—" and a nod and a shake of the brown head said the rest.

Bill felt the antagonism draining from his soul. He could not refuse hospitality to a very small preacher who reminded his little woman of her dead father, nor could he be unkind to the dying wife. So he gave his black curls a rake with one big hand. "Have who you've a mind to, old girl!" she said.

As soon as Mrs. Burt had made her kitchen neat, and changed her house dress for her very best gown, she rang the call bell and summoned her big husband. He came in his shirt-sleeves, and stood in

the bar passage waiting. "I know you can't leave to go with me. of loafers gathered on the wide veranda, dear," said the pretty figure in the sittingroom, "but would you just as soon come after me? Likely as not they'll need some Sometimes after one of the latter a burst | help getting settled, and I would feel free | health;" and mothers dropped their babies to offer if you would call for me.

Bill Burt was no boor, "Of course I Bill's wife, ignoring giant Bill, overlook can, my girl," he said heartily. "Stay as long as you've a mind; would ten o'clock suit you? I'm shutting early to night."

With a very bright smile, but no words Mrs. Burt gave him one of her warm. hearty kisses, and hurried down the street to the bare, boarded house where the little ninister and two carters were uncording bedding and pinning up curtains. In her trim market-basket, Mrs. Burt had packed half a dozen flaky buttered biscuits, a pot of jam, a roll of cold ham, and sundry other matters, and before the weary strangers knew where they were she had taken possession of them and set them down to a good cup of tea and a rather tempting meal. Everything was done with pretty apologies, but with such breathless celerity, such beaming goodwill!

Then a great linen apron, tea cloths and a package of pearline came out of the basket, and the front windows were rubbed bright and neat blinds put up beore the sun was quite down. Then the debris of packages and boxes was carried away, and in the brightest room the bed was set up and made, and the rug tacked down and the trunks carried in.

The preacher and his wife were gentlefolks, poor, proud, educated and rather delicately appointed, and many were the coos and purrs of appreciation which Bill Burt's wife gave as she came across various pretty and superior articles of linen, china and household appointments. The preacher's wife was too worn out by the long train journey to do more than suggest and approve, but Mrs. Burt flew from room to room doing the work of three, and so delightfully busy and pleased that a smile stole over the weary face of the newcomer every time she looked at from his chair. her. Bill came punctually at ten o'clock and received the outpouring of gratitude from the preacher and his wife with furtive delight.

'She beats the band for flying around, I allow," he said, as his tired wife leaned against him, and looked about on the

result of her labor. "Ask them," said she softly, with a confidential squeeze of his arm, and somehow Bill did actually invite the preacher and his wife to tea the next evening, Mrs. Burt saying never a word. They came and Bill closed the bar, explaining to all and sundry that he had company until nine o'clock, and would wait upon them after that hour.

A few of the more thirsty strayed down to a small house of entertainment of a second class, but the majority sat patiently on the veranda, smoking and exchanging yarns, until Mrs. Bart's piano began to ound and her sweet voice rang out in ballad and song. She knew they were listening, and she smiled, as a dead silence followed her most popular effort, for she recognized the consideration for "the company" which kept the usual applause in check. And how it happened. Bill Burt never knew, but before he returned to his thirsty townsmen he had promised that Bessie should play at the opening services on the morrow; and what was worse, he had also made up his mind to close the saloon while he attended her to church.

No word of religion was spoken, but it was all settled in the most natural manner possible, though Bill Burt felt that he was acting in the most unheardof and unpremeditated fashion of his own free will, and under no compulsion what-

He went, and in the amazed face of all the customers he put up a notice that the saloon would be closed during meeting; and then, finding his usual occupation gone, he concluded he might as well take in the service. As Bessie sang the plain weet hymns he had not heard for a quarter of a century, he felt a wave of tenderness towards her, and a tightness in his throat that was unpleasant and embarrassing. But outwardly he was the ordinary cool and indifferent Bill Burt, and when he tied on his apron after church and served portions of firewater to the crowd, who had found the waiting hour long enough, he was a trifle and carried things with a very high hand.

III. SUMMER grew into autumn and autumn into winter and the into winter, and the love of Bonesville grew deeper and warmer for Bill Burt's wife. Every digger asked, as he lifted his glass, "How's missis?" And Bill always answered, "She's finely;" and the digger remarked in an off-hand way. Here's luck to her," and Bill responded,
'Bliged to you!" Mrs. Burt's piano was eldom touched as the days grew long; even her humming sewing-machine was still, for every little, tiny garment was every dainty embroidery was ready, finished; blue bows were on a jealously hidden bassinette, and a hanging nest of muslin and lace and more blue bows was covered with a snowy sheet in the corner of the living-room. Every woman in Bonesville had gazed on the preparations, and had told every man that they reckoned the Prince of Wales had nothing finer for his, and the men had questioned and laughed, and cast kindly, protective glances up at a certain window where the brown head bent over sewing or book, or popped from casement to casement as the ittle woman busied herself about the house. They had few outside interests, these isolated, rough folk, and the rich fountain of their pent-up affection flowed leep round the little mother-expectant. Old, wise women came and brought her every known recipe and instruction. The men grumbled because she hid her self from them. Such was an unheard-of ourse in Bonesville. Bill remarked, She's just shy;" and a tender glamor of sacredness and refined feeling grew up in those rough souls for the cloistered wife. When at dusk she and Bill walked the prescribed half-mile, with the little woman's short steps going three to one to his great strides, men stepped inside their

doors and cried to their wives, "Say, you!

ing him as if he were nobody.

One morning the minister had a dream he often had dreams now, poor man, for his frail little wife coughed no more in her cold small resting-place in the new cemetery, the first of the people of Bonesville to lie in consecrated ground. The minister leapt out of his bed and hurried on his clothes. It was broad moonrise in a fair spring night and the whole face of Nature seemed to rebuke his tremor. There was a light burning in Bill Burt's house, however, for Bill had been uneasy all night about the little woman and had telegraphed for the hospital nurse and the doctor at sundown. They came on the midnight train and were fast asleep when the minister tapped tremulously on the door panel, and confronted Bill, who stood in his shirt and trousers and stockinged feet, a very seedy and distressed-looking

"I'll sit with you a while, if you don't mind," he said lamely. "I hope Mrs. Bart is resting well."

Sound as a top-an' the doctor an' the nurse"—said Bill in a hoarse whisper— "thought she'd make a night of it sure, but laws! she'll just take her time, to be contrary. An'the doctor he says he won't stay after to-morrer. Just like a woman, anyway, ain't she, parson?"

They sat down-Bill with his pipe, and the parson with his pale, startled face still wearing the look of fright it had shown when he started up with his dream fresh upon him. "I don't wonder you are anxious," he stammered. "Everyone feels so about her. We all think so much of your wife, Mr. Burt, as if she were kin to us, and the notion of losing her-" he stopped suddenly, for Bill had jumped

"There," he said sharply. "No croakin', parson! Bess is a healthy little woman, and not in any danger. Doctor says she's bound to have a good time, so does nurse, Say, mayn't I get you a sup o' brandy I just will. You look to need it bad enough," and Bill slipped into the darkened recesses of the bar and brought forth a small glass of brandy and water, and the parson helplessly swallowed it, to exorcise the horror which possessed him. He had dreamed of a white dead face, framed in brown hair, over which he had tried in vain to read the burial service, and he had seen in the crossed arms of the dead, a tiny cold form.

"There, you're better now," said Bill, taking back the glass. "Would you like ter see the cradle? Bess has fixed it up right smart. Say, look at that!" and with a touch of his finger he set the snowy nest "Parson, if any feller'd told swinging. me I'd feel like I do this very minute, just you and me together, I'd 'a laughed at Honest! Why, parson, I could go down on my knees for her-and it-say-I truly could.

They stood on either side of the swinging cradle, the frail little preacher and the giant, but they were trembling one as much as the other, and with one impulse they kneeled softly down and grasped hands across the empty cradle, while in gentle faltering tones the preacher talked to God of their hopes, their fears, their happiness. Bill Burt never took his eyes off the white haggard face of the little preacher until he softly breathed, Amen. His great black eyes shone with fire, his lips were set, his hand gripped the preacher's like a vice, he was thoroughly aroused and in earnest. When the two men stood up he drew a long breath.

"Parson," he said solemnly, "I believe in God."

It was a simple confession, straight from the awakened and convinced soul of a man, and the parson knew it. "I am glad," he said : " whatever hap

ens that's a comfort." Before another word was exchanged a arp cry came from a side room, "Bill, husband, oh!" and Bill rushed lamp in hand to his wife's bedside. The nurse and the doctor came and bundled the scared

preacher out of the house, and ordered

him home at once. It was like him that he went instead to the meeting-house, and there in the cold and dark knelt before the altar and prayed for the woman in distress. When Bonesville wakened up, the first thought in every woman's heart was a query about Bill Burt's wife. They peeped across at the saloon, and as they break fasted they exchanged conjectures, bets, and laughing congratulations over the expected baby. Quite a number of them were looking across when the door opened and Bill came out. He stood on the

face white and his lips moving. Then, in another moment, the nurse stepped out, in her hand two long streamers, one all white, another longer all black. She pinned them on the panels without a look at the bereft husband and father, and then, putting her hand on his arm she drew him unresistingly inside

threshold looking up at the sunrise, his

the threshold. Bonesville breathed one long breath of dismay, terror and incredulity; then the tears began to fall; women shricked, and sobbed, and raved; men cursed, and choked, and cursed again. In the first moment of distress even Bet Boone forgot her vows, and uttered a malediction that burned in the ears of those who heard it. Then she flung herself on her face on the floor, and trembled and pleaded piteously, fruitlessly, with the God whom she had never before addressed save in blasphemy and profanity.

And the two streamers fluttered in the pring breezes, while with gloomy face and frowning brows, the Bonesville carpenter hammered at a gruesome task.

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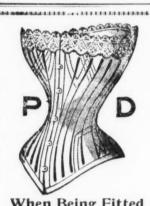
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RTHUR J. STRINGER, a 'Varsity man who is making quite a reputation as a poet and short story writer, has an article in Ainslee's Magazine dealing with the enormous trade of the Great Lakes. One-third of the population of the United States is dependent on these lakes for their export and import trade," writes Mr. Stringer.

"This waterway taps the richest and most prosperous agricultural territory on this continent of ours, together with our most productive mines, and it is worth while noting that within a radius of 400 miles of Cieveland lies one-half the population of the United States. It is a well-established fact that deep-water transportation is, and necessarily must be, far below the cost of transportation by rail; indeed, it is computed that the cost of water transportation by steam, when the voyage is of any considerable length, is about one-quarter the average cost of transportation by rail, while by sailboat it is only one-eighth of the latter. As this question of transportation determines to a great extent the existence or the nonexistence of a possible industry, and enhances or diminishes the value of every article of export in proportion to its efficiency and economy, the battle cry of the West for 'twenty feet of water be-tween Duluth and the sea' is no great problem to account for. In the year 1898 there passed through the Sault Ste. Marie canals no less than 21,234,664 tons of Canadian frieght, alone having a value of \$200,000 000, while American ships moved ome 168,000,000 tons through the same waters for the same length of time.

"The total traffic through the locks of this 'Soo' Canal, for less than eight months, is five times as great in number of vessels and slightly less than twice as much in actual tonnage as passes through the Sucz Canal during an entire year. Through this same Suez Canal, which boasts of carrying the commerce of the world, there passed, during last year, 8,500,000 tonnage, while there floated through the locks of 'Susan Mary' a tounage of 16,500,000. The stupendous proportions of the traffic on our Great Lakes may also be realized from the fact that more ships sail the Detroit Riverthan enter either the port of London or Liverpool. A greater number of passengers, on the other hand, pass through this same river than do in and out of the port of New York, the great gateway of the New World. In fact, the total number of passengers carried annually by the lake fleet falls very slightly short of 200,000,000. The city of Buffalo, which claims the largest grain elevator in the world, does a business in the trans-shipment of grain and flour which exceeds that done by any other city in existence. Cleveland, with the exception of the Clyde, is the most extensive ship-building center of the present day. The nether shores of the lower lakes have been necklaced with a collection of the busiest and most prosperous manufactur ing centers in the United States, and so much so that to-day our country's commercial center of gravity will be found to fall somewhere along the northern por tion of Ohio. Mill and foundry and factory in all these cities depend on the great iron freighters that steam north with coal and bring southward their cargoes of timber and grain and iron, and it is in the possibility of such economic exchange that lurks the secret of Uncle Sam's mercantile greatness.

"It is in just this, too, that lies the secret of how the United States has taken such a generous hand in the feeding of the world. It is an accepted fact with shippers that Liverpool makes the price of cash wheat, and that every cent saved on the cost of delivering American grain at Liverpool means so much money to be paid to the owner of this wheat at the time it is sold and shipped. So Duluth, in a commercial sense, is placed by the Great Lakes two thousand miles closer to Europe than is, let us say, St. Louis. The Canadian Government has recently realized this fact, and, although they have heretofore allowed American vessels to carry ninety-six per cent. of the traffic he Great Lakes they are perfecting a deep waterway system from Port Arthur to the Gulf of St. Lawrence that promises to threaten even the business of the port of New York and the comparatively diminutive Erie Canal. The last link of this enterprise of the Canadian Government was forged by the opening of the Soulanges Canal, and by its operation it is expected that the cost of transporting lake freights to tide-water will be reduced to such an extent that there will be a saving of from one to two cents a bushel on wheat. The Canadians have expended over \$62,000,000 to secure their fourteen feet of water between Port Arthur and Montreal, and in comparison with this the \$40,000,000 expended by the United States seems relatively insignificant, especially when one remembers the surpassing extent to which our commercial interests are involved in such deep waterway improvements. Our greatest interests in this connection, of course, are in the iron and coal exchange, which takes place between Ohio and Lake Superior

" It is an unappreciated but indisputable fact that the Great Lakes lie at the root of America's present supremacy in the iron and steel market of the world. It has been actually the reduction of lake freight rates on these two essentials of ife and commerce, brought about by improved facilities for loading and discharge ing cargoes, the increased tonnage of lake vessels, and the improvement of rivers and harbors, that has allowed the American steel worker triumphantly to invade

the English markets. "But as the increase in population of the United States demands new fields for labor, as the West fills up and develops and the future commercial growth of this country is found to lie in the direction of the foreign market, it is on this great, though somewhat neglected, artery of commerce between Duluth and Buffalo place his finger to find the true pulse o American progress. Much has already been done, but it must not be forgotten that diminutive canals are a brake on the wheels of commerce, and that before the United States dominates undisputed the markets of Europe it has a River and Harbor Bill to make law, and before Uncle Sam, in the face of the flercest competition, shall become the maker of bread and iron for the world he must look to his

Have you read Society Types by Ko-Ko (Lady Gay)?

The Stage as a Profession.

LGA NETHERSOLE, the English actress who in her tours on this continent has always met with a warm welcome and has earned unstinted praise in To ronto and Montreal, has written an article entitled My Struggles to Succeed, for the December Cosmopolitan. It is very interesting reading and should be read by young girls who are deluded with the idea that they might find an easy, pleasant and profitable career on the stage. Miss Nethersole is an earnest woman, and her plain statement of her own experiences should have weight. Her ability is undoubted, and when she met with so many difficulties it should occur to even those who secretly hold the opinion that they, too, have much ability, that the stage offers no easy-generally speaking, no possible road to success. Miss Nethersole's people were strongly opposed to her going on the stage, but she was very determined and so set

"I do not believe, and I say it con-scientiously," writes Miss Nethersole, "that there is any profession bristling with so many difficulties and drawbacks as the dramatic profession, and it astounds me to hear of novices lightly and cheerfully abandoning excellent prospects in other walks of life to take up a dramatic career, which, shorn of its possibilities (that come only to a very few), is a most heart-wearing and spirit-breaking business. One can ascribe the phenomenon only to the intense and alluring fascination of the footlights. More and more each year do I restrain my advice to people who ask me as to a stage-career, except to warn them not to try, and at this moment, as a general rule, I do most earnestly advise every body not to go near it. I have many reasons for saying this, and they are to be found both before and behind the curtain. The re-wards are too few and the difficulties too great to make it a desirable career for average men and women. As a rule, the individual endowed by nature with ability to succeed in the dramatic profession is quite capable for, and probably would succeed equally well or even better in, some other and less wearisome profession.

"I went on the stage ten years ago, in spite of the usual family opposition— which, by the way, is more prevalent in my country than in America. I was a governess before I was an actress, and the desire to become an actress had a steady growth in my mind. It marched with me as I grew, until one day I realized the time had come for me to shed the shell of the governess and try to merge shell of the governess and try to merge into the actress. I shall never forget the difficulties I had to contend with before I the world for Dyspepsia," said Benson. "You don't say. Dodd's Dyspepsia" was able to make my want known in the proper direction. Not belonging to a theatrical family, and having no theatrical connections, I was absolutely in the dark as to when and how to set out. I did not even belong to an amateur dramatic club, although it is true, my amateur histrionic fame was such that I was now and then requested to take part in some of the amateur clubs' performances in the neighborhood of my

residence. "It was by accident that I secured my first introduction to a real, live Manager. I got a letter from a lady, whose acquaintance I made, and who knew an actor who she thought might know some manager to whom I might be introduced. It fell out as we wished, and I had my first ray of hope when I received a letter from the thing in the world,' thought I, 'is to go all the rest of 'em.' to his theater and present the letter.' Then came the first bitterness after plac- Dyspepsia Tablets?" a-ked Jenson. ing my foot on the ladder. Although the manager at the time was playing nightly replied Benson. in London, it took me three months to present the letter, and six weeks more were wasted before I was ushered into his room. The vexations and mortifications I underwent at that time would make a most interesting deterrent to the unendowed, ambitious amateur, but space is too valuable to allow me to expand upon what is now only a faint memory.

"My star was evidently in the ascendant on the day that I entered the manager's sanctum, for he dismissed me, after a five minutes' interview, with a part and a promise of an engagement-and a very good part it turned out to be. My first part! That was ten years ago, and from that time until now, I have worked and struggled incessantly, and often and often it has seemed that I was rolling a stone up a hill only to have it fall back threatening to crush the spirit out of me.'

The reader must bear in mind that is from an actress who is supposed to have made a big success on the stage.

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A Colloquy

"What's the matter with you?" asked

"I've got dyspepsia," said Jenson. "Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets," said Ben-

"Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets," repeated

nson, "what about them?"

"They'll cure you."
"Are you sure?" asked Jenson.

"Certain," replied Benson.
"Think Dodd's—what do you call 'em?" "Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets," said Ben-

"Think Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets would

"Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets." "What are they, anyhow?" asked Jen-

'Pepsin, diastase, and sugar, princi-

pally," said Benson.
"No secret about 'em, eh?" said Jenson. "You know just what you're taking when you use Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets," said Benson.

"Ever try 'em ?" asked Jenson.
"What? Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets?"

xclaimed Benson. 'Yes," said Jenson

"I should say I did," replied Benson.
"What for t" asked Jenson.
"Dyspepsia," said Benson.

"I know, but what form of Dyspepsia?"
"Oh, I had 'em all," said Benson. "Inactor introducing me to a London Man digestion, sour stomach, gas, heartburn, ager. Capital M again! 'The easiest headache, poor appetite, nervousness, and

"And did you cure all that by Dodd's

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'Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets must be all right," said Jenson

'If you've got Dyspepsis, you want to

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"Yes, I will," said Jenson.

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ATKINSONS PARISIAN TOOTH PASTE

Mrs. McGorry-Oi niver was so froightned in ahl me loife! Sure, dhe car-r-r murmured softly to himself: "By that sage advice, he was not averse to turning an honest pany.-Cleveland Plain

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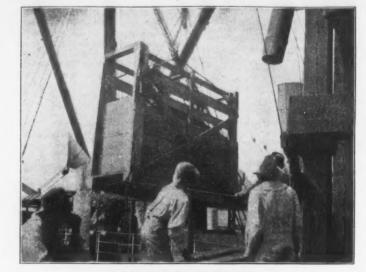
E Purple Lady, Sydney Rosen

feld's adaptation from the German, which was presented at the Grand Opera House during the first half of the week, proved to be a broad farce comedy. There was a great deal of fun in it, but nothing particularly new. A young fellow about to be married had led a gay life in Paris, rumors of which reach his mother-in-lawto be, and she gives promise of trouble. The father in law to be questions the young man, and he replies that he has had his fling, but "on meeting your daughter I drew a line cutting off my past." This entirely satisfies the father, who does not care to know another thing about the young man's record. The men of the piece, old and young, are understood to be sad dogs, all but one who comes on the scene and is hustled in a way reminiscent of The Private Secretary. The ladies are prudish, screamy persons all but the Purple Lady, who has a wealth of flaming red hair and not only a Past, but a Present. We expect little from a farce except cause for laughter, yet I think that in America we should be able to get enough to laugh at without importing from France and Germany that gray-haired old sinner whom we so often see on the stage eluding the vigilance of his wife and carrying on with "gaiety girls" and "purple ladies." He abounds only in farce-comedy-in real life he is very rare, almost unknown. The writers and adapters of farce-comedy would have us believe that nearly all well dressed, gray-haired old men only wait for their wives to leave the room in order that they may make love to some giddy young thing. I confess to being very much bored by this class of farcecomedy, of which we see about a halfdozen examples each season in Toronto. These old fools are not amusing on the stage-their coltish antics comport badly with their gray hairs and surface respectability. Played over again and again, insisted upon, hammered in year after year, there are sure to be some who will come to accept this giddy old fool as a real type of prosperous elderly gentlemen. One of the enemies of the stage, so far as Canada is concerned, is the adapter who picks up, in France usually, som witty but indelicate farce-comedy, and straightway adapts it for New York audiences, and so passes it on to us. The work of adaptation consists in little else than cutting out the impossible passages and giving the characters English instead of French names. It would be better for art and less injurious to morals if instead of adaptations, we were regaled with expurgated translations. If we must see these plays let us understand that they come from France and are not even distorted views of our own society.

Pauline Moran, with her pickaninnies gives a funny performance at Shea's this week, including the singing of coon songs and a ludicrous cake-walk. The perform ing dogs, baboons and monkeys of Prof. Macart are another novel feature of the show. John Kemell in monologue repeats the successes that have been won in this line of entertainment during past weeks and several first-class "teams" complete a bill that is an extra good one.

The White Heather drew one of the largest houses of the season to the Toronto Opera House on Monday night. The production when seen here before made a very fine impression, and when it was learned that it would be played on this occasion by the same excellent company, with Rose Coghlan and John T. Sullivan playing the parts of Lady Janet McClintock and Lord Angus Cameron respectively, interest in the piece considerably in-





Lowering Mules into Steamer.

LOADING MULES AT SOUTHPORT, NEW ORLEANS, INTO SS. MONTEZUMA, FOR USE OF THE BRITISH ARMY IN SOUTH AFRICA. From photos supplied us by a Canadian abroad, Mr. W. H. Martin of New York

creased. Without detracting from Rose Coghlan's performance in the least, I may say that she does not outshine Alice Fisher, who played the part last year. Perhaps there is no actress anywhere who could excel Miss Fisher as Lady Janet. John T. Sullivan, however, por-trays the character of Lord Angus Cameron as it was not done last time, and again proves himself a sound actor.

Ben-Hur, which has been magnificently staged in New York, is a success as a spectacle. One of the critics writes as follows:

spectacle. One of the critics writes as follows:

The truth of the matter is that Ben-Hur, as a play, is of very small account. None of the characters is especially interesting, not even Ben-Hur himself. Their words and actions are nearly always of secondary importance and arouse only the mildest sort of interest.

There is not a single dramatic situation, properly speaking, in the whole fifteen tableaux, no scene where two weildeveloped characters come together with something vitally important to say to each other. Different ones come and go and the story goes on with them. At times there is an eloquent speech of the rhetorical kind, and at times there are speeches which grow very tiresome in the mouth of an old man, Simonides, who is allowed to comment garrulously on all that transpires. The book is not a play. It could not be made into one without being fundamentally altered and reconstructed. There is no need in asking the stage version of it to be anything different from what it is—a curious and magnificent spectacle—a triumph of theatrical devices.

The Cummings Stock Company tries this week to improve upon the slip-shod work that has marred nearly all its performances during the present season. Clay M. Greene's romance, Forgiven, is presented this week, and Lester Lonergan and other new members of the company are noticeably earnest in their efforts to play their parts intelligently. The piece is very nicely staged.

Mr. Otis Skinner will undoubtedly draw large and fashionable audiences during his engagement at the Grand Opera House, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, with a Wednesday matinee, December 11, 12 and 13, in his new comedy in four acts, entitled The Liars, by Henry Arthur Jones, which was originally produced at the Criterion Theater, London, by Mr. Charles Wyndham and achieved the greatest success of recent years. The entire production as given in New York will be seen here. The scenes of the play are laid in England, and its characters are all members of English aristocracy. A thoughtless, frivolous, fascinating selfish woman, weak of head and hard of heart, is married to an honorable but rough and masterful man, her very opposite in tastes and disposition. To amuse herself, for the mere fun of the thing, she has carried on a flirtation with a gallant soldier, a hero of African exploration, who has taken her very seriously and encouraged a passion which threatens by her sister and others of the dan | evening (December 9) are being looked ger she is running, she attempts to forward to with great interest by all peodismiss her lover, but he is no longer under control, and finally persuades her to grant him a fare well meeting in a river side hotel. There she is surprised by her husband's brother, and realizing at last the peril of her position, she implores her sister and her most intimate friends to back her up in the rather flimsy lie which she has invented to disarm her husband's righteous wrath. The conspirators, in a apital scene with a very strong ending involve themselves in all sorts of hopelescontradictions, and in the end the erring wife, with her lover and her husband at the point of personal encounter, what she ought to have done at first, and calls upon the former to make a clean reast of it. This he proceeds to do by declaring the lady's innocence and his wn infatuation.

Hurly Burly, an extravaganza which kept New York laughing for an entire eason, follows The White Heather at the Foronto Opera House as the second of a ine of high class attractions which Mr. small of that theater announces will coninue from now on to the closing of the theater in May. Thirty-two people will be seen in the production here, and the engagement will serve to introduce the spectacular danseuse, Mile. Solaret, the roung woman who was brought from St. Petersburg to America to dance after she had performed as a rival of Loie Faller in The regular cast will be headed by Miss Sylvia Thorne, the singer who has een concerned in many New York productions, and the special features are to include the Casino Comedy Four, a quar tette of singing comedians who gained their title from George Lederer's Casino, with which many Torontonians are nell Fund. The performance, which is to familiar; Hart and Williams, travesty take place at the Walnut Street Theater artists: Cook and Sonora, specialty performers; the Flood Brothers, acrobats; attended by prominent Irishmen from all ment had been a Failure in the case of and the Misses Leslie and Fanchon, com- parts of the country. Mr. Mack's new Joseph, the Parents decided to give Clar-



CHRISTMAS IN FRENCH CANADA.

One of F. S. Cobur 's illustrations to Christmas in French Canada, by Louis Frechette; George N. Morang & Co.

mediennes. Hurly Burly is said to be especially rich in musical numbers, among the original lyrics in the piece being The King's Musketeers, The Moonlight Serenade, Tyrlanney, King of Bohemia, and Popularity.

Pauline Hall will come to Shea's Theater next week for the first time in Toronto in vaudeville. For many years Miss Hall has been a comic opera favorite, and she will probably receive a welcome on her appearance next Monday night that never has been equaled in Shea's Theater. Miss Hall's voice is better than at any time during her career on the stage, and she has made the greatest hit of any opera star who has entered the vaudeville ranks. Keno. Welch & Melrose, acrobatic comedians, have one of the funniest acts vaudeville. The Golden Trio are said to be excellent character delineators. Walter Deaves and his marionettes will make every person in the audience scream. Fields & Ward, rapid fire talkers; Smith, Doty & Coe, a new and up to date musical act: Caswell & Arnold, Duffy, Sawtelle & Duffy and the biograph, with a lot of war views, will make a bill that promises to excel anything Mr. Shea has offered in

The recitals to be given by Mr. Henry Lawrence Southwick in the Conservatory wreck to both himself and her. Warned Music Hall this Saturday afternoon and ple who give dramatic art the serious thought which it deserves. This is Mr. Southwick's first appearance before a Toronto audience, and a man who has won such high praise is worthy of a hearty reception. The North Abington (Mass.) Bulletin says of him: "It was a great lecture ot to be spoken of in ordinary terms, for it could not be made or delivered by an ordinary man. Mr. Southwick has solved the problem of Hamlet, and there is no need of discussing the problem further; and we had the great treat of hearing his powerful dramatic presentation of that solution. His lecture was better than any stage performance of the We heard it given by Davenport, play. with four stars to support him, and say the above unhe-itatingly."

> R .v. T. DeWitt Talmage, the famous pulpit orator, will reach Toronto to-day, and will preach in the Metropolitan hurch on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock and deliver a lecture in Massey Music Hall on Monday evening at eight 'clock. The subject of the lecture will be The Science of Good Cheer. There are a great many people in Toronto who have for years been reading Dr. Talmage's pubshed sermons, and these will be deighted with an opportunity to hear and ee him in person. It may confidently be predicted that the service on Sunday at the Metropolian and the lecture in Massey Hall will draw record crowds.

> Andrew Mack, the romantic actor, has received many letters from Irishmen all over the country thanking him for consenting to give a benefit performance of The Last of the Rohans in aid of the Parin Philadelphia early in the year, will be

play has already this year, it is said, made a fortune for the actor.

Miss Merron's new pastoral, The Dairy Farm, is well on its way to making a century at the Fourteenth Street Theater in New York. The play is said to greatly resemble Shore Acres in its freedom from affectation, and it is meeting with great success. The play will be seen here during New Year's week.

Enrico Corradini, the young Italian playwright, whose La Leonessa has made a furore in Florence, and has given promise of a revival of the heroic drama on the Italian stage, is writing a new play dealing with the life of Cain.

Modjeska will follow Otis Skinner at the Grand during the second half of next

Primrose & Dockstader's Minstrels are at the Grand during the second half of the week.

The Fable

Of the Experimental Parents Who Tink ered With the Two Boys.



boisterous.

Joseph was much the older. His parents brought him up on a Plan of their Own. They would not allow him to play with other Boys for fear that he would soil his Clothes and learn to be rude and So they kept Him in the House and his

Mother read to him about Little Rollo who never lied or cheated and who grew up to be a Bank President. She seemed to think that a Bank President was above

Little Joseph was kept away from the Public Schools and had to Play Games in the Garret with two Spindly Little Girls. He learned Tatting and the Herring Bone Stitch. When he was Ten Years of age he could play Rag-Time on the Piano, His Ears were translucent and his front Teeth showed like those of a Gray Squirrel.

The other Boys used to make Faces at him over the Back Fence and call him

In Due Time he went to College, where he proved to be a Lobster. The Boys held him under the Pump the first night When he walkt the Campus they would whistle, I Don't Want To Play In Your Yard. He began to drink Manhattan Cocktails & Smoked Hemp cigarettes until he was Dotty. One Day he ran away with a Girl who waited on the Table at his Boarding House & his Parents Cast him Off. He now has charge of the Cloak Room at a Dairy Lunch.

Seeing that the Home training Experi

ence a Large Measure of Liberty, that he might become acquainted with the Snares and Temptations of the World while he was Young and thus be prepared to sidestep the Pitfalls when he was Older. They sent him to the Public Schools. They allowed him to roam at large with other Kids and stay out Nights. They kept L'quor on the Side board. Clarence stood in with the Tuffest Gang

in town and thus became acquainted with the Snares and Temptations of the World. He learned to Chew Tobacco and Spit thru his teeth, shoot Craps and rush the When his Father suggested that he

enter some Business House & become a credit to the Family he growled like a Boston Terrier and told his Father to go

Chase Himself. At present he is working the Shells with a Circus. GEORGE ADE.

Notes from the Capital.

MONG the many pretty gowns worn at the dinner-dance at Government House last week, the one that has been described as the prettiest was the gown worn by the hostess herself. It was white satin, with black chiffon put on in frills CE upon and ruff es, and blue chiffon, or gauze, a time fastened about the waist in a scarf, more there pretty blue stuff showing amid the folds was a of the bodice, and pink roses clustering Married on one shoulder. Of course in the hair of Couple pos- the beauteous lady wearing this gown sessed of were diamond. - diamonds about her two Boys slender throat and diamonds sparkling in the corsage. The palm of beauty may seph and be said to have been carried off by the handsome Counters, even though some of the younger girls among her guests looked very lovely. Little Miss Margaret Bell was one of these, a pretty picture in an Undine-like gown of white satin, veiled in green chiffon, with trailing flowers, or grasses, appliqued around the hem of the skirt; another was Miss Amy Ritchie, who wore blue. Mrs. Bob Fleming wore a splendid gown of black, with a tunic of jet spangles. Everybody speaks of how well Lady Minto is looking. The visit to a good tonic. Lady Victoria Gray, who is quite a young girl, looke i very sweet and nice in white at this dinner-dance. The women guests were naturally interested in what Mr. Mann, the new A.D.C , might be like. He is tall, and dark, and goodlooking, so they think he will be satisfactory in the difficult position he has been called to fill. There is a rumor to the effect that Mr. Mann is only filling it temporarily until this cruel war is over and England gets back some of her gallant oldiers from Africa, when a man from the 'Regular Army, Oh," will be sent to Government House, Ottawa.

The Earl and Countess of Minto went to Montreal last week for St. Andrew's Ball. The two aides went with them, and Lady Victoria Grey, who again wore white and was approved of by Montreal society.

The Women's Morning Music Club had one of the best concerts of the season last Thursday in Orme's Hall. The concert vas under the supervision of Mr. Collier Grounds, who is one of Ottawa's leading musicians. He and his charming wife both contributed to the programme. Mrs. Grounds has a sweet and true mezzi

soprano voice, and was the only vocalist on the programme. She sang six or eight times, and several of her selections were songs from that delightful writer of songs, Ethelbert Nevin.

There is no dearth of concerts in the Capital at present. Never was a season so prolific. One hears of new ones every day, and every evening there is music to be had somewhere for the payment of a small fee.

Oa Thursday evening of last week there vas the Messiah, by the Choral Society, in the Russell theater, with Watkin Mills as one of the soloists. The Choral Society, in spite of the fact that oratorio is too much for a great many people, always have crowded houses. This year their concert was better patronized than ever. Watkin Mills proved a strong drawing card. Even those who own up to being bored by oratorio went to hear Watkin Mills, regretting all the time that it was not ballads he was singing. The next musical event of the near future is the concert of the Choral Society's great rival, the Ottawa Amateur Orchestral Society, which comes off on December 19. The orchestra, remarkably good for an amateur organization, is practising, among other things for this concert, a fine march from Saint Saens' Henry VIII., a piece of music never before played in America, I believe. For vocalists, the Society, have engaged Miss Ruby Cutter of Boston, a young soprano who at her first appearance last month at Carnegie Hall, New York, made a decidedly favorable impression on a metropolitan audience.

After Christmas there will be a drawing-room concert which promises to be both fashionable and musically good. Judge and Mrs. Gwynne have kindly consented to lend their pretty drawing-room. and Mr. Charles Edwin Harris, the Canadian impresario, has volunteered to attend to the making up of the pro-

His Excellency and Lady Minto are taking an immense interest in the formation of a District Branch for Ottawa and Eastern Ontario, of the British Red Cross Society. Cards bearing a Red Cross were sent out early in the week for a meeting at Government House, for the purpose of making further arrangements. The meeting took place on Thursday afternoon and was well attended. His Excellency personally addressed the meeting and explained the object of the society, which is-"to supply by voluntary aid those extra comforts, luxuries and appliances which lighten the lot of sick and wounded soldiers, and which lie beyond the lot of official organization." I quote from the letter sent out by the secretary of the Executive Committee, Mr. C. A. Eliot: "At the present state of public feeling no one will refuse to join this Red Cross Society. All are only too glad to be given a chance of helping in this philanthropic and national undertaking. The news that our own Regiment has been ordered to the front, and that not strangers but our own men may be in need of succor, is a still stronger incentive to do our share.

The news that was spread through the city on Monday that an Ottawa man in the Contingent had dled early in the voyage, and been buried at sea, was sad to hear. Those who had never known the young man felt real sorrow, and to Mr. Deslauriers and his family sincere expres sions of sympathy have come from every side

Major General and Mrs. Hutton have been much out of Ottawa the last few weeks. The General has been on inspecting business, and Mrs. Hutton is the guest of Mrs. Kitson at Kingston. They are now in Toronto, having gone up on Thursday evening, and do not return to the

Capital until Sunday night.

His Excellency also is a distinguished guest to Toronto this week. He is to do some unveiling commemorative of the brave fellows who fell in the North-West Rebellion of '85.

Mrs. St. Denis Lemoine had sent out cards for a tea on Thursday afternoon, but when the Red Cross cards came out from Government House Mrs. Lemoine postponed her tea until this Saturday afternoon. Invitations to Government House are very properly supposed to take preence of any other, more especially in this case, when it was business more than pleasure, and business of a national char-

Mr. Choate's Views of Scott.

HE Edinburgh address of Ambassa dor Choate at the Sir Walter Scott dinner, in response to the toast of Literature, will not appear as a state document, but it might very well take the place of a half a dozen official reports, says the New York World. It is equally admirable for its rhetoric, its diplomacy and its literary judgment in dealing with the merits of Sir Walter Scott as a writer and of the works of fiction which keep his memory living. England and the sea voyage have proved Carlyle, who had a bad digestion and a bad temper, and who really believed that nothing was worth reading which he had not written, was quoted by Choate as saying that "if literature had no other task than to amuse indolent and languid men, why therein Scott was the perfection of literature." To this Mr. Choate replies that every now and then he himself is one of those indolent and lauguid men, and that he suspected he was in a great group of these men who believed it was one of the highest ends of literature to amuse and entertain mankind.

But admirable as Mr. Choate's address nay have been, and the New York paper just quoted considers it admirable beyond measure, it was marred by a peculiar slip that has made considerable amusement in England. Mr. Choate in his literary address quoted the words, "Peace hath her victories" to "an American orator," apparently unaware that they belong to Milton. A writer in The Speaker says; "It is not surprising that Mr. Choate failed to give the orator's name, while it is very surprising that a cultivated man "hould make such a mistake."

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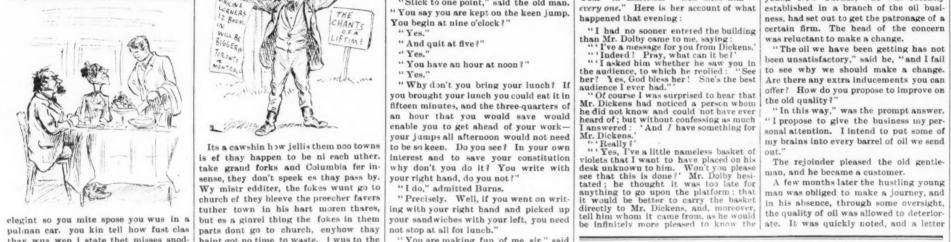
XII. VICTORIA, b.C., Nov. 23. to the edditer of the Satterdy Nite noos paper

DEER SIR wel hear i be at the Coste on the iland of vancoover es fur es i kin git thout steppin of in to the passifick oshen & i gess this is the las leter lie send you septin to let you no wen i git back to jinkins corners es i calklate ile do afore crismis. i haint sure but wot this leter wil hev to jump over a weak in yure noospapper, but i hopp nobuddy wunt be larmed bout me bein in good helth and everwase al rite, but the fack is i diddent



seam to hev no oppertoonty to rite this leter in time to ketch the male sose to git it to you in seesin.

Sense i rit you las time weeve bin travlin round all them mountins down in the boundry kentry and up by robson, denver, slokan sitty, sandon & so 4th and i hev saw more hills and bigger ones then ever dremp thay wus on the face of the erth. the feler whitch gin this kentry the name of sea of mountins was bout rite & jes hit the nale on the hed. Thay dont reely seam to be mutch of brittish columby on the ground you mite say tho thase a fue plases in spots ware thay do sum farmin and growin of frute sech es oknoggin valey et settry & the chiney-men hes got littel ranchis mong the hills ware thay rase gardin truck ni to nelson rossland & them big towns. All the rest of the provints is up on end septin fer the lakes & rivers, its bilt fer seenery perposes i calklate & if enybuddy wants to make a trip in the hollerday seesin ware thay kin feest thare ise & injy thareselfs fer thare helth then i haint no hestashin in sayin brittish columby is the very cheese for em. in the sumer it mus be jes like pardise to travel in this kentry spechilly on the steembotes we wus on; whitch is fixt up



thay wus wen i state thet misses snodgrass went in rapters bout the nice bedrooms and the cleen linnen & tabel cloths and the preecher sed he wus agoin to and the cookin. She smole blanly at the preech a sarmin to boys and gals today, feler thet wus waitin at diner & ses yung man she ses, it is plane yuve bin brung up in a good home ware they ode how to wash and cook & yure a rite down creddit to yure muther. the feler diddent say nothin but only smiled & gin the ole lady the program verry polite so she cood pick out wot she wood hev.

yes mistr edditer, this is a gran kentry and full of gold & preshis mettels and so rode is bilt now sose you kin git thare, but 4th, but i wus minded moren once of the him thay sing in the methdis meetin house at the corners bout every prospick pleeses and only man is vile, for thay haint no dout bout it thase a feerful lot of drinkin, gamblin, swarin and wickidnis goin on in ever town and camp, tho thase lots of good fokes too or the biler wood bustid afore this. Fer insense thay wus



yung man cum up to me on the trane &

& his hare all rumpled up but he node me Victoria. and cum up staggerin & ses i haint bin to bed all nite, i bin playin black jack he ses and ime fore hundred dolers ahead of the game, ime a regular gamler he ses and i dont care fer nobuddy & putty soon he was lade out in the smoking-car sleepin jes like a log in a mill dam of wisky, ime tole this young feler wus a quiet goin chap down east a fue years ago but he gits on gamlin sprees like this ever wunts in a wile & dont stop til he most ni gits the horers, thase lots like that out hear in the wile west jes kinder trubbled es you mite say with fool on the brane.



Down in them noo boundry towns you kin git a idee of wot thay meen by a boom. Accordin to my ways of thinkin thase bout es mutch sense to sum of em es thay wus in the conduck of that boom of logs that broke loose tuther day and cum tarin down the river at grand forks smashin everthing afore it. Some of them noo towns is built ware thase gold mines all round em & thats all rite cus thave got suthin to feed on & so you mite calklate thale grow, but thase uthers thet haint got no visibel meens of suport, it looks to me thare bildin em on wind, jes the blow of the boomin felers that hes got lots to sell. putty ni ever chap you come acrost in sum parts hes a town site to put on to the markit & is gittin up a boom, ef it wusent agin my prinsipels i bleeve i cood git up a boom like that at jinkins corners wen i git home & make millins outen it. it oney needs tawkin and puffin & tellin everbuddy that the corners is bound to be biggern toronto and muntrall & pay sum uther slick felers to tawk same way & start tradin bildin lots with each uther till the green fish startid to bite. Thats iis wot there adoin at sum pints i cood menshin in the boundry kentry. Thase one plase with a big boom goin on thet haint neer no mines ner farms ner facktrys ner nothin else & yit fokes is rushin thare to by lots, its jes a bubbel & thase nuthin fer it but to bust up.



parts dont go to church, enyhow thay haint got no time to waste. I wus to the Methdis meetin one Sundy in Greenwood, but he ses i dont see menny of em hear. i took a look all round and thay wus jes forteen presint. three of em wus littel gals, but thay wusent a solltery boy in the church. thay wus down street playin or mabee thay wus tendin sarvis in the barrooms or gamlin sloons, and yit Greenwood is bout es brite and sivilized a place es you kin git in that reegin. the rale to go furder you got to take the stage fer it, & the rodes is jes teribel fer mud, tho fortnitly it haint mud of the rejiney or winipeg breed, it kin be got offen yure



We cum up by Revelstok and nex day we wus in Vancoover. it haint quite so big es Toronto, but its mane rodes is ahed of enything you kin show down there fer fine bildins. ime tole this hull place he ses haint yure name Mister Jinkins i hes growed up in a fue yeers but its hard two deals this morning."

reckernise you from your pickter, i ses fer me to bleeve it. enyhow ef it keeps yes I wus the partey. so he gin me his card & we hed a frenly chat. He wus agoin on bisness to the same place I wus. nex morn-lit seams to be finisht and hung up the bisness to the same place i wus. nex mornin i met him agin at the trane but i harly

it seams to be finisht and hung up the
key but its a rite nice place i kin tell you. node him. he was drunkern a owl with a & ef i diddent live in jinkins corners thay seegar hanging outen one side his mouth haint no place ide sooner stay in then



But jes here i will brake of & say fare well til i git home. ile rite & let you no wen i arive. Misses snodgrass sens her best respicks thout me noin it so ile remane es before yurne truley

CALEB JINKINS.

Climbing the Ladder.

HE clerk had made up his mind that he could not keep it up any longer—he was working too hard and it was necessary that he should speak plainly to "the old as the head of the firm was familiarly called. He discreetly waited for a prosperous day, put it off until "the old man" had returned from lunch, and then waited upon him in his private

office "Well, what is it, Burns?" "I should like to speak of myself," replied the clerk, "if you have five minutes

to spare.' "If you have anything to say about yourself that can be considered to be in the nature of business," replied the old man, "I have five minutes to spare. If, however, you are merely introducing however, you are merely introducing however, you are merely introducing yourself as a subject with the idea of promoting conversation—" He stopped there, leaving the conclusion to be inmember, now, it's my turn to brace him next hog-killing." business men whose minds were fleeter than his tongue.

"I'm working too hard," said Burns. "Is that so?"

"Yes. The business has grown so much that I am now doing double the work that I used to do. I have not a minute, sir, really, I have not. I am on the keen jump all the time, and it's telling on me. I don't enjoy my meals; I can't sleep.'

"What do you propose?" asked the old man. "Do you wish me to prescribe a patent medicine or to come around at night and rock you to sleep?"

Burns smiled sheepishly.

"No, sir," he said. "I thought you might increase my salary."

"You did, eh? Your logic is bad, Burns. You are working too hard, you say; you are kept on the keen jump; you can't eat nor sleep-therefore you want more pay. What good will that do you? Will it make you jump better, eat better, sleep better? "Well, I think I'm worth more to you

than I get." "Stick to one point," said the old man.

"You say you are kept on the keen jump. You begin at nine o'clock?"

"Yes. "And quit at five?"

"You have an hour at noon?"

"Why don't you bring your lunch? If

not stop at all for lunch."

"You are making fun of me, sir," said

"Not a bit of it. Where a human life is at stake, I am full of resource, that is all. Something must be done to save you from the keen jump-there's no use raising your salary, that is evident." "I think I earn more than I get."
"Well, if you didn't, why should I keep

you? You are an investment, and I expect a profit. How old are you?" "Twenty two."

"And I pay you eleven dollars a week! It is preposterous! How much do you suppose I got per week at your age?"

Burns declined to guess. "Three dollars, and I boarded myself and went to night school. That's what I got. You are an extremely fortunace young man, Burns-extremely so-and it is a pity if you are in a decline, a vast pity. You never speak of your father-I presume your parents died young. Hereafter I shall require a pedigree and a healthbill with new clerks, and guard against invalids. Don't you think that would be a very wise precaution, Burns? Do you know," he said, changing his manner, "I cleared \$730 on two deals this morning. I'm something of a keen jumper myself. Get back to your desk and I'll see what I can do for you."

"Birnsey, did you brace the old man?" asked a fellow-clerk.

"Yep." " How did it go?"

"Bully. He gave me the same old song and dance—you know—guyed me, roasted me and had a deuce of a time all to himself, but I stood pat and let him work it all off. Then he said he'd let me know."

" You'll get a raise." "Sure. He told me—don't you say any-thing about it—that he'd made \$730 on



And they resumed the toil that en-grossed their sweet young lives, while inside the old man dictated letters at the rate of one in two minutes to a stenographer who, whenever he paused to con suit his letter-fyle, made a face at Burnsey through the glass partition.

And so prosperous tyrants oppress worthy young people, not only in Toronto, but in all the large cities of the modern world. MACK.

Kate Field and Dickens. N New Year's eve, 1868, Miss Field

heard Dickens read David Copper-field at Steinway Hall in New York, and in this connection she records a charming incident in her diary, from which many interesting extracts are made in her biography just published. She had not yet met Dickens personally, but being a great admirer, she decided to present him a basket of violets. On a card fastened to the handle she wrote:
"Wishing Mr. Dickens 'A Happy New
Year' in America. 'God bless him'—
every one." Here is her account of what happened that evening:

"I had no sooner entered the building than Mr. Dolby came to me, saying:
"'I've a message for you from Dickens,"
'Indeed! Pray, what can it be?'
"'I asked him whether he saw you in the audience, to which he reolied: "See her? Yes, God bless her! She's the best audience I ever had."
"Of course I was surprised to hear that

giver. After much demurring, I allowed Mr. Dolby to have his own way, and Griswold and I took our seats—on the left side, two from the front."

Great was her horror when, the gas

being all on and the reading about to begin, she saw a man mount the platform and deposit her basket on the desk, letting the card fall in front, so that those on the front seat could read it :

front seat could read it:

"I felt as if the eyes of Europe were upon me, and was quite ready to go through the floor. Then out came Mr. Dickens, smiling profusely, and when he reached the desk what did he do but pat the basket as if to assure me that it was all right, and give a pleasant nod to Dolby behind the screen, as if to say, 'I hope Miss Field is pleased with my way of receiving her flowers.' Then he read David Copperfield finely, and at the conclusion of part one he bore off the violets. "At the close of the readings he addressed the audience thus: "Ladies and gentlemen, from my heart of hearts I wish you a happy, happy New Year."

"My flowers did that,' I said to Griswold. 'It is the first speech he has made in America.' I came home in great glee."

now on file in the office records one of the protests. It reads:
"Gentlemen: When we were induced

to use your product, we were assured that Mr. Blank put some of his brains into every barrel of oil. We deeply regret to observe that Mr. Blank is threatened with paresis."- Washington Star.

The Sky Pilot.

ALPH CONNOR, whose story, Black Rock, received so hearty a welcome, has just published, through the Westminster Press, Toronto, another volume entitled The Sky Pilot, a Tale of the Foothills. It is a story of ranch life in Alberta, within the shadow of the Rockies. This volume again calls attention to Ralph Connor as a man who must be reckoned with when we are discussing Canadian writers. There s about any story he tells a directness and a simplicity that is refreshing. His style is the most natural imaginable, and he appears never to use words for decorative purposes. If he is smart it is an inevitable smartness and not a result o laborious phrase-making. Too many writers of the day study the bizarre use of vocabulary, and hide surprises at the tail-end of sentences. Those who can pound out epigrams work like black-smiths, and as you read, the grime and iron-dust through which the pages have passed are daubed all over them and distract your attention. "Here," you say, "the author tried to be very smart. He stood this sentence up on end to astonish me." We are, perhaps, getting a little too much smartness in our stories, and sometimes as you read you inwardly rebel

against it all as cheap and insincere.

It is the entire absence of all posing that gives Ralph Connor's style a charm. His style is thrown into relief by the exaggerated attempts at brilliance that mar the work of so many writers.

The Sky Pilot is the story of the influence exerted by a young missionary on a cow-boy community. The special gift of Ralph Connor is to treat such a theme as this in a way acceptable alike to every manly reader, whether clergyman or cow-boy. He writes this story without once being tempted to preach. The average story of the kind is so weighted down with pious admonitions and instructive reflections that only the pious man can read it through-although the misguided author hoped to interest and instruct the wicked. Ralph Connor tells his story in such a way that all will read it.

How the preacher came to Swan Creek, was dubbed The Sky Pilot, gradually won the confidence of the cattlemen; how Broncho Bill raised funds to build a "gospel factory," as he called it, or a church, as the Pilot called it, can only be learned by reading the story. But here we will give an extract that shows the quality of the book. It seems that the first attempt to throw on style at a funeral resulted in a regrettable occur-

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It Came Back on Him.

THE faculty of terse and forceful speech is ordinarily an advantage, but occasionally a man gets hoisted by his own epigram. A hustling young New Yorker, who was recently established in a branch of the oil business, had set out to get the patronage of a certain firm. The head of the concern was reluctant to make a change.

"The oil we have been getting has not been unsatisfactory," said he, "and I fail to see why we should make a change.
Are there any extra inducements you can offer! How do you propose to improve on the oil quality!"

"In this way," was the prompt answer." I propose to give the business my personal attention. I intend to put some of my brains into every barrel of oil we send out."

A few months later the hustling young man was obliged to make a journey, and in his absence, through some oversight, the quality of oil was allowed to deteriorate. It was quickly noted, and a letter that the properties and the properties in another and more serious the mounters (an innovation, by the way) and the his absence, through some oversight, the quality of oil was allowed to deteriorate. It was quickly noted, and a letter that they might git in the same of the political and the gift of the pall-bearers. "It was the mounters (an innovation, by the way) that they are the properties of the wilest description, and in his absence, through some oversight, the quality of oil was allowed to deteriorate. It was quickly noted, and a letter that they was the future procession and the first attempts the properties after that they might git in the pall-bearers. "It was properly planted: after that they might git in not accept this wiew, and at the first opportunity slipped past Hi and his pall-bearers and took the place next the sleight that t teams were abreast in a race as for dear life. The corpse-driver, having the ad-vantage of the beaten track, soon left the other two behind running neck and neck for second place, which was captured finally by Hi and maintained to the grave side, in spite of many attempts on the part of the X L's. The whole proceeding, however, was considered quite improper, and at Lutour's, that night, after full and and at Latour's, that night, after full and bibulous discussion, it was agreed that the corpse-driver fairly distributed the blame. "For his part," he said, "he knew he hadn't ought to make no corp git any such move on, but he wasn't goin to see that there corp take second place at his own funeral. Not if he could help it. And as for the others, he thought that the pall-bearers had a blanked sight more to do with the plantin' than them giddy mourners."

> Sunday school teacher-I read in the paper of some naughty boys who cut off a cat's tail. Can any of you tell me why it is wrong to do such a thing? Willie-'Cause the Bible says, "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Artist-My next picture at the Academy will be entitled Driven to Drink. His Friend-Ah, some powerful portrayal of baffled passion, I suppose ! Artist-Oh, no; it's a cab approaching a water-trough. -Tit-Bits.



Norah—An' for why do you wear that band on your arrum?
Policeman—To show I'm on duty on the beat.
Norah—Sure, an' I thought it was bekase ye'd not be knowin' yer rolght arrum om yer left!

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Anecdotal.

A Georgia negro, who has already thought of Christmas, has written as follows to his employer: "Marse Tom, ef you gwine ter gimme Chris'mus gif' dis Chris'mus I wish you please suh sen' me a overcoat. Marse Tom, ef I had one er dese overcoats which reach ter de groun' I'd go ter preachin' fo' sundown!'

Talking about the social and other demands made upon prosperous people, Mrs. Russell Sage says that she recently questioned her physician about the illness of Mrs. H. "I understand that she has nervous prostration," said Mrs. Sage.
"No, madam," replied the doctor, "she has nervous prosperity, and that's what ails half the society women of the day."

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A little girl in Orillia was being bantered by her uncle at the dinner table. "What do we call the meat of the cow when it is put on the table?" he asked. She did not know. So with the pig, the sheep, the deer—she did not know and humbly ac cepted instruction on these points. She fell into silence for some time, and having thought the matter over, evidently came to a phase of the question more puzzling than any, for turning to her uncle she asked: "Well, uncle, what is liver when it's alive?"

A good joke which Congressman John Allen of Mississippi sprung on himself recently might well be applied to E. A. Macdonald of Toronto, with whom candidacy for the mayoralty seems to have become a life-habit. Allen told of visiting his old home, where he met one of the old family servants. "Lawsy, Mars' John, I'se glad to see ye," said one old negress, "an' so glad to know dat you'se still got yer same old posishun." "What's that?" asked Mr. Allen. "Why, runnin' fur office, o' cose."

General Joubert, when he was in New York City a few years ago as the guest of Henry George, told with modesty (-ays the Sun) of his negotiations with the British at Majuba Hill, and his eyes sparkled as he recited his reply to the British com-mander in chief. "It does not comport with these," said the British general, pointing to the decorations on his breast, "to accede to your terms." To which said Joubert, pointing to his riflemen: it does not comport with those to offer any others.'

The story goes that one of those men ho try to gain a footing in literature by writing illustrated articles about men who are worth writing about, not long ago wrote to one of the leading editors in Canada, to say that he was preparing an article about him, and desiring to know whether the editor had any objections to other. having it stated in the article that he had egun life as clerk in a store. To this the editor made prompt and brief reply: DEAR SIR,-You are at perfect liberty to write about me whatever you may think best suited to your purpose. I am, faithfully yours,

At a meeting of an autograph society, omposed of young women, in Chicago one particular celebrity who had remained biurate to all requests for his signature was almost unanimously voted to be a mean old thing." The one girl who had not concurred in the general condemnation asserted that the others did not know how to manage this particular lion. "I'll show you," she declared, and forthwith wrote and mailed to the celebrity a request composed of only two words. They were "Autograph, please." At the next regular meeting the girl appeared triumphantly waving a sheet of letter-paper ver her head. It was the reply of the celebrity. He seemed reproachful. All he wrote was: "You must be pressed for

time," with his signature following. A professor of invertebrate zoology, vishing to procure some trichinous pork for purposes of experiment, went to his butcher and asked him if he ever got any measly pork. "Sometimes," the butcher cautiously answered; "but I always throw it away." "Well," said the professor, "the next time you have any, I wish you'd send me up some," meaning, of course, to his laboratory. The butcher, although somewhat taken aback, said that he would. Three weeks passed. again visited the store, "Haven't you found any measly pork yet?" "Why, yes," said the butcher; "I sent up two pounds a week ago." A sickly grin broke the masters are women whose least over the professor's face, "Where did glance tells that they know boys and you send it?" "Why, to your house, of their ways and wants, through that course," said the butcher.

A New Book to Read.

Modern Daughters, Alexander man says: "A man and a woman who meet occasionally are one thing.

(I mean that they are two); whereas, if the same were married to each other, they would be quite another, that is to say, one. When they are one, they lose the charm, the entertainment, the stimulus of being two," and Black responds to the nice man's remark by only one word, 'Rot!" But we know it is not rot, and that half of the marital mix-ups we know are the beginning of ennui, and more than half of the scandals are episodes of the same state of weariness. The only thing which can keep the ordinary man and



View of Junior Boys' School, Bishop Ridley Coll ge.

roman comrades, when the illusions and inspiration of love-making are over, is a ommon interest. It may be material, it may be emotional, and it ought to be spiritual, but they must share it heartily. When they don't-behold a Thomas and a Jane Carlyle, a tortured pair, or a rupture and a dissolution of the ties which should have held them through life.

A vain woman resents her husband's calm acceptance of her charms; a vain man winces under the n.ild depreciation of a wife; each finds someone outside to meet the demand they make, or wrangles and jibes at the other at home. Again and again such a couple find their salvation over a cradle-a common interest Very seldom does one sie each alike interested and active. Once in a blue moon an artist wooes and weds another artist; many a time the doctor marries the nurse or the woman doctor; often (lo! a peaceful future!) the curate marries the rector's daughter, and the two live and move in the narrow orbit of the parish. The

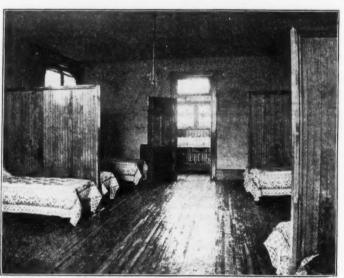
up and down stairs on business apparently not quite clear to those interested. The rattling of the small boy by the glances of some pretty lady, the advent of home Black's book of talks with nice women and one nice man, the nice small by in residence, was shown in these erratic flights and scurries. But beyond the pleasant moment I felt myself exceed ingly glad of the separate home which these small boys are enjoying, where they have their own masters and their own school-mothers, their own playground and games, and no chance of being hazed into kingdom come by the big chaps in residence on the far side of the river, until they are old enough to take theil own part.

The small illustrations which occur be tween these paragraphs show the boys' college home and a section of a dormitory, with each small boy's washing apparatus and affairs of tooth-powder, and so on, arranged beside his own particular washbowl. And we pretended to look for shaving-soap and razors and whiskercurlers and moustache-brilliantine, while the small boys chuckled and gurgled over the suggestion. The wooden screens between the little beds were groaned over by us, who know that they are a sad inter ruption to good pillow fights, and we were frankly adopted by the chubby boy for our comprehension of this matter.

"She dyes her hair, and she's only twenty." "Well, they say the good dye young, don't they?" "Her method of sitting down always makes me think of a hotel 'bus backing to a carriage block!" "I might tell you a story about her?"
"But that would be gossip!" "No, that
would be history." "We have too much expression. My teacher says, 'When you go to sleep unlock your face!'"

The other day I ran into one of thos highly moral restaurants that have Biblical texts on the walls. There under a gorgeously lettered beatitude, 'Blessed are the pure in heart,' was the brutal admonition in plain black and white, 'Keep your eye on your hat.'" "I tell you, life reminds me of those boxes built to hold circulars or free distribution periodicals, 'Take one.' But there is nothing inside!" You are a constant incitement to the men who are in the race for fair. You pace the lover!" These are random cullings from the bright new book quoted at the head of this column. LADY GAY.

De Faque-If I could get someone to invest a thousand in that scheme of mine, I could make some money. Crawford-How much could you make? "Why, a thousand."-Life.



View of Dormitory.

mutual interest binds them to accord. Therefore all couples who find themselves bored to the verge of desperation should take up some common pursuit, fad, what you will, and they will soon be trotting amiably enough to a common goal, even

That occurrence at the college on th other side, when the amusement of the small boy, not a weakling, but a sturdy little chap, be it remarked, made many a mother resolve against a college course for her small man, even though she and he were residing in a little town or a part of the country where advanced educational facilities were nil. I was thinking about this the other day, when over the 'phone came an invitation to go to St. Catharines and see the opening of a residence for the small boys who were in attendance at Bishop Ridley College. It came very apropos to my musings; and quite as apropos to the needs of the small boys, is the fine residence school, which some hundreds of us opened with much enthusiasm some few days ago. The small boys were delightful in their Eton jackets and various degrees of manliness. There was the nervous little blonde boy, and the chubby-cheeked boy with the round blueyes, and the boy with the glint of fun around the tail of his eye, and the one whose mouth was curled permanently for humor and mischief, and the big footed boy, and the homesick boy, and the talented little chap with the curls and the bonny brown eyes, and the fat boy whose panties were already a bit shiny on the seats, and the freckled boy whose nowas skyward set-all the dear small chapwho make every woman laugh and sigh as the same time, if she owns one of their stripe. And over them were masters who know more about the boys than when the professor, growing impatient, even the boys do, and who can comprehend and respect the mode of speech which is theoretically correct and practically exceeding slangy; and behind surest of all experiences, having boys of their own. The tour of the new school Have you read Feelety Types by Ko-Ko | Was made with many excursions of small boys to dormitories, and hurried sorties

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E. H. P. (Barrle).—Many fine impulses and good traits are in these lines revealed. Writer is neither logical nor acutely perceptive, but has a frank, generous and truthful nature. She can think original thoughts and do very fair work if she sets herself fairly at it. Some nannerisms and maybe a touch of prejudice are visible. Writer is not a diplomat, nor yet very taciful, would have ambitions and good intelligence, and probably much purpose and constancy. Should cultivate reticence and

MARGARET MAPLEFARM.-Persons born is December before the twenty-second day have great directness of character and quick, sure perception. I think they mind their own business better and other folks' less than almost any other persons. You have the characteristic December faculty of keeping things to yourself, and also the wish to floish things of properly. You should turn out a good house keeper, and may have musical talent. You may profitably cultivate patience and f rbear-ance. Everyone isn't as quick to gra-p an idea or as prompt to act on it as you are. I am sure you are sympathetic, adaptable and truthful. 2. You have your natural disposition which you can modify or accentuate by your own thoughtful effor s. No doubt surroundings make the tark difficult or easy, but never yield to environment or circumstances when they conflict with your attainment of a righteous and Instead of weakening you they will then and. Instead of weakening you, they will then strengthen you, and your victory will be a continual inspiration.

KATIE.-1. I have so nearly spent two holidays in your town that I almost feel as if I knew it well. Next summer, perhaps, I shall really see it. 2. What sign is it if you wear some of a bride's finery? Now you've got me, Katie! 'I's a sign, without doubt, that the bride's a friend of yours, or she wouldn't try her hat ordress ou you. 3. Your writing shows some susceptibility, rather an emotional nature, but practic d to the core. You are sweet-tempered, hopeful, loquacious and full of sympathetic feeling, love beauty and have good taste. Very little likelihood you'll be an old maid.

HEBE.-There's a good deal of power lying about in this study. Writer is ambitious and tenacious, with caution to balance much im-pulsive action. Adaptable, generous and easy-going. There is a very masculine turn to this writing, not at all in harmony with the nom de plume. It shows a very pronounced and rather crude nature and a distrust which is more than caution.

BEBETTE.—A very pleasant idea indeed, it gives me; you are bright and observant constant and independent, soft-hearted and sweettempered. Considerable ability and ingratiat ing ways are yours. You have some of the weaknesses of youth, but also most of its charms.

Ashes.—I cannot tell you the planet, but what you probably want to know is the Zodia-cal sign under which you were born. Scorpio, the great sarpent, is the sign which would rule on November 17. Its strength and power are enormous. I admire the Scorpio people immersely. 2. I used to e-joy Edna Lyali's books greaty—I fancy a Knight-Errant was my favorite. I also used to e-joy Augusta Evans Wilson's novels, but I don't believe I should now. Good reading is what inspires yot, interests you, and broadens your knowledge and symp-thies. Edna Lyali emphatically does the latter. I can quite r member how advanced she once seemed to me. 3. Your writing shows sympa'ny, tracity, some humor, che r'ulness of disposition, good sequence of ideas, love of beauty and harmony. You are rea-onably discreet, and altogether a pleasant ort of person, I fancy. Ashes .- I cannot tell you the planet, but

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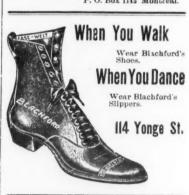
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Christmas house party, to which, as we were all cousins (more or less), or friends from our cradles, it had not been necessary to invite Mrs. Grundy. I doubt if any girl could have had a better time than I. For three days we had "ramped and roared," like King Francis's lions, and this closing evening had been a fitting climax to our frolics. I was in exuberant spirits, and with good reason. My amber satin gown was, I well knew, a distinct cause for satisfaction. I had won, amid voci-

Grasping an Opportunity.

was the last night of the Lathams'



ball into silver bon-bon dish set as a hole in the middle of a Per-" I was being carried." sian-rug green. But there was a stronger element that save zest to life that night. Theophilus Maxwell, known among us as Tosh-the long, the lazy, the clever-had for some

with me, for the most part in a kind of surcharged silence. He had intrigued to take me in to dinner, and when he succeeded, had only the most inane remarks to contribute to the conversation. To-night his eyes had just the expression of an Irish setter's, and followed me about in the same canine fashion.

To say that I had failed to understand these little manifestations, or that I was at any time oblivious of those eyes, would be to discredit my feminine discernment. Indeed, it was my intense consciousness of the whole situation that throughout the evening had urged me on like a rest-less imp to an absolutely reckless auda-

We were all standing at the foot of the stairs, loath to break up the party, yet mindful of the morrow's early trains and of a lurking desire for our well earned beds. A warm discussion on physical strength was nearing an inconclusive close, and for the moment our hostess had the floor.

"And so," she wound up, convincingly, "it all goes to prove that men have de-generated fearfully. Yet only last week I was reading in a stupid novel of that same old scene where the fair maid faints or sprains her ankle (it's always one of the two), and the hero immediately, picks her up like a caddie bag and carries her for miles-as if the weight of a full grown, healthy young woman was the merest

trifle. Why, it's ridiculous!"
"Even if he'd pulled stroke on the 'varsity cre w?" meekly enquired a small and civil youth, gazing at the well-set-up

"Or played center rush on a winning eleven?" ventured another, with a gene-

ral grin at Tosh Maxwell's stalwart pro

"Even so," I struck in loftily, in my best didactic style, "it is one thing to pull an oar when one is seated and has a leverage, and quite another to lift a heavy girl with nothing but one's arms. And as for foot-ball," I continued, with a withering glance, "the strength in a rush is only a spurt, anyhow, and then the next man takes it—nothing sustained. Mrs. Latham is perfectly right. Unless a man is a circus performer, it's an impossibility. It's one of those bygone fables like kissing under the mistletoe and such absurdities!"

I delivered this with what I considered telling effect, but as I looked complacently around upon my audience I became suddenly conscious of the most peculiar sensation. I felt myin only second in self gently but very firmly seized and an obstacle race lifted, and I realized I was being carried around the draw-ing-room, besides Maxwell, who evidently thought that there is a time to act rather than to speak, and that the retort muscular was the most convincing. Up we went, I with the most tumultuous feelings—not of fear, for I felt perfectly safe, but of utter astonishment and protest. In one stroke my argument had been crushed and my dignity demolished. And in spite of my anger I had to hold on a little—just to keep my balance. I could feel his heart

beating too-from the exertion, of course.

The stairs turned on a broad landing, and continued at an angle that hid from sight the hilarious group below. The time been losing the nonchalant ease of the old friend that I had known in him for jears. In the last few days this peculiar tical logic!" struck less loudly on our change had been growing so rapidly that I knew it must culminate in something but I could see that we were heading for soon. He had skated, walked and driven | the bay-window at the end, where, over a wide cushioned seat, hung a branch of that privilege-conferring Christmas plant that I had just derided. Alas for the fate of both my loud and arrogant statements in such quick succession!

> I have told Tosh since that it was very poor taste of him, and rank coercion besides, to treat me so cavalierly-not that I really objected, of course, but because I thought a little scolding would do him no harm. But he says I am a barbarian at heart, and the only way was to capture me by force and bear me off in face of all the tribe. And from this point of view he may be right. There was really nothing else for me to do after such a scene. And he won't hear of our living in an apartment; he says he must have stairs .-Katharine Perry in Harper's Monthly.

Have you read Society Types fly Ko-ko

The Tuneful Liar.

From Krugersdorp to Lichtenberg, And back to Potchefstrum; From Swazieland to Pietersburg Is heard the burgher drum ; From Wakkerstrum to Ermelo, From Hoopstad to Dundee, They're marching down to Rustenburg. And up from Kimberlee. From Heidelberg, and Lydenburg, Johanne-burg and all, From Standerton and Barbeton

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appearance, and each about three inches and notwithstanding the doctor's predic-tion. I am able to stand any amount of hard work. I at: ribute my new manhood and regained health to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and gratefully recommend them to Shers in poor health.

John Wesley's Moral Stature.

NO man lived nearer the center than John Wesley. Neither Clive nor Pitt, neither Mansfield nor Johnson. You cannot cut him out of our national life, writes Augustine Birrell in Scribner's for December. No single figure influenced so many minds, no single voice touched so many hearts. No other man did such a life's work for England. As a writer he has not achieved distinction, he was no Athanasius, no Augustine, he was ever a preacher and an organizer, a laborer in the service of humanity; but happily for us his journals remain, and from them we can learn better than from anywhere else what manner of man he was, and the cha-

county in a parliamentary election since household suffrage. If I have, that tired its three weeks, and how impossible it seemed at the end of the first week that you should be able to keep it going for another fortnight, and how when the last night arrived you felt that had the strife been accidentally prolonged another seven days you must have perished by the way side. Well, John Wesley contested the three kingdoms in the cause of Christ thousand miles was his annual record for many a long year, during each of which he seldom preached less frequently than five thousand times. Had he but pre-served his scores at all the inns where he lodged, they would have made by themselves a history of prices. And through out it all he never knew what depression of spirits meant-though he had much to try him, suits in chancery and a jealous

In the course of this unparalleled contes Wesley visited again and again the most out-of the way districts-the remotest corners of England-places which to-day lie far removed even from the searcher after the picturesque. In 1899, when the map of England looks like a gridiron of railways, none but the sturdiest of pedestrians, the most determined of cyclists can retrace the steps of Wesley and his horse and stand by the rocks and the natural amphitheaters in Cornwall and Northumberland, in Lancashire and Berkshire, where he preached his gospel to the heathen. Exertion so prolonged, enthusiasm so sustained, argues a remarkable man, while the organization he created, the system he founded, the view of life he promulgated, is still a great fact among us. No other name than Wesley's lies embalmed as his does

Irving's New Play of Charles IX.

The next important new dramatic production which Sir Henry Irving will take up after Sardou's Robespierre, upon his return to London, will be a romantic drama of the time of Charles IX. of France. A writer in the Westminster Gazette thus describes it:

lurid picture of this ghastly crime is given in the elder Dumas' Marguerite de Valois, from which a good deal of the color,

long. The vomiting almost choked me, and it required two people to hold me in bed, but I felt easier after it. I was in this deplorable condition when I was urged by a neighbor to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It was a hopeless case but I decided to try them. When I told the doctor I was taking the pills he said they would do me no good; that I would never be able to work again. But he was mistaken, for the effect was marvelous. By March I was able to go out of doors, and could walk quite a distance. I continued using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills until I had taken seventeen boxes, and they have made a new man of me. My health is better than it has been for twenty years.

racter of the times during which he lived and moved and had his being.

I do not know whether I am likely to have among my readers anyone who has ever contested an English or Scottish soul will know how severe is the strain of horseback. He paid more turnpikes than oever bestrode a beast. Eight

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A Golf Question

Ed. Tufts, of Los Angeles, was playing golf with a friend recently. When he drove from the third teeing ground, he sliced the ball badly and sent it away to one side. It stopped in front of a grazing cow, and Tufts came up just in time to see it disappear into the bovine mouth When his opponent had made his stroke, Tufts untethered the cow and, with many sounding thwacks of his club, drove the beast to the third hole. There he made her disgorge the ball, and neatly holing it, announced that he had made the hole in two strokes. His opponent calmly finished the hole in seven and claimed the hole. "But I made it in two," protested

Tufts, gleefully.

"No, you didn't," declared the other;

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reference to quack methods of vocal instruction, have called forth a very abusive letter from a correspondent signing himself a "Teacher of Singing." I regret to find, of course, that there should be any teacher in Toronto who should have reasons for applying these remarks to himself. My correspondent alleges that I am profoundly ignorant of the first principles of the up-to-date "methods" of the school that, he says, I sneer at as ithe anatomical school of singing. That may be perfectly true, for I can frankly confess that I was unaware that there were any principles as the basis of the "methods" I condemned. I am perfeetly willing to admit that many teachers may honestly believe in their efficacy. But judging from the revelations made to me by pupils who have been the victims of these methods, they appear to me not only to be excessively ridiculous, but extremely injurious to the voice. It may be prudent on the part of the advocates of the system of instruction referred to, to be temperate in its defence, as a publication of the description of the treatment to which certain pupils have been subjected might prove very embarrassing to these gentlemen.

The Toronto Clef Club gave its annual 'ladies' night" on Wednesday evening of last week at Webb's. There was a large attendance of the members and their lady friends, and a most entertaining social and musical reunion resulted. A very choice little programme of vocal and in strumental music was supplied by the members. The worthy president, Mr. J. D. A. Tripp, who was in excellent playing form, gave the Liszt piano transcription of Paganini's La Campanella with great brilliancy of execution Miss Hart played Chopin's Nocturne in F sharp, and Chant Polonaise, with her accustomed artistic finish, and Mr. Welsman contributed Chopin's Scherzo in B minor most effectively. Miss Florence Marshall rendered Bach's Chromatic Fantasia with surprising technical facility. The vocalists were Messrs. Tandy and Sherlock, and Miss Huston, whose selections were highly appreciated, and Miss Perry, Mrs. Adamson and Mr. Hahn joined in the first movement of Godard's trio in F for piano, violin and 'cello. Mr. Hahn also gave a couple of solos with his usual success. The Clef Club is well fulfilling its mission in promoting the creation of a bond of sympathy among the members of the teaching musical profession by their monthly and annual gatherings. The benefit of the movement has already been made apparent in many ways.

A local concert that attracted much in terest was the recital given on Thursday of last week by Miss Maggie Huston, our popular mezzo-soprano, assisted by Miss Bessie Bonsall, contralto, now of New York; Mr. George Fox, the talented Canadian violinist, and Miss Florence Marshall, solo pianist. The audience, although not completely filling Association Hall, was large, and decidedly sympathetic. Miss Huston's most successful effort was the beautiful Berceuse from Godard's Jocelyn, now quite a familiar number at our concerts in its various forms of vocal, violin and 'cello solos. She sang with all her oldtime warmth of expression and displayed the quality of her voice to advantage. Miss Bonsall also distinguished herself by her effective rendering of Gounod's Quando a te Lieta and other numbers. She was in excellent voice, and sang with great care and finish. Mr. George Fox gave a varied selection of solos, including a large extract from Bach's monumental Chaconne in which his sonorous tone and command of double stopping were once more con-vincingly demonstrated. Miss Marshall, already mentioned elsewhere as one of our most brilliant and promising planists, played Liszt's eighth Rhapsody and a couple of Chopin Studies, in which her extensive technical equipment and fine touch were strikingly in evidence. Mr. W. Hewlett ac companied with his usual judgment and skill.

The feature of the fifth military concert at the Massey Hall, apart from the playing of the 13th Battalion band and the patriotic songs by Messrs. Schuch, Ramsay and Courtice Brown, was the set of national dances with fancy flag drill by selected pupils of Morse street school, trained by Miss Edith Lelean. They also introduced Major F. E. Dixon's new song, We'll Fight For the Grand Old Flag, which made quite a hit. The dances were executed with ease and grace and the pupils were vociferously applauded and encored. At to-night's concert the St. Catharines band of the 19th Battalion will make its appearance. It has the reputation of being one of the best military bands in the country, so that it will be received with special interest.

At the first appearance of the Central Grand Concert Company, one of the events of the People's course, on Wednes day evening of last week in the Massey Hall, the chief interest centered in the singing of Mme. Cecilia Eppinghousen Bailey, a soprano with a well cultivated and sympathetic voice, and altogether an accomplished singer. The audience had not expected an artiste of her calibre, and were agreeably surprised by her rendering of the Jewel Song from Faust, which was a neat and true effort in vocalization. Other members of the company were Francis Walker, baritone, a satisfactory singer, with a voice of good quality and carrying power; Harry J. Fellows, a satisfactory tenor, and Harry B. Vincent, a capable planist both in accompaniment and solo work.

Mr. W. O. Forsyth's reputation as an artist and teacher is so generally understood that there will be many to admit how thoroughly appropriate is the compliment paid to him by that really great pianist, Herr Friedheim, as follows: "The result is in this instance to me sur- included within the definition of military

parative shortness of time the pupils have een under your instruction. This is Y remarks in last week's issue in proof that not only is your method of they are ordered by their bandmaster, piano instruction correct and artistic in under military permission, theme is a itself, but that at the same time you prospect of the Union bandsmen being understand fully the art of developing the pupil in accordance with his own individuality. Genuinely gifted and finely equipped teachers, my dear Forsyth, are much rarer than is generally supposed; accordingly, when one meets with such, one must always hail the event with joy, be he friend or foe. I congratulate you By way of explanation it may be said that the above is a translation quoted from a letter which Mr. Forsyth received from Herr Friedheim last week, and the writer referred to the occasion of a private musicale given at Mr. Forsyth's home by two of his pupils at the Metropolitan School of Music-Miss May Wookey of Kingston, Jamaica, and Miss Gwendolyn Roberts of Toronto.

> A very successful recital was given at the residence of Mr. A. B. Jury, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 5th, by vocal pupils of Mrs. A. B. Jury, assisted by Mr. Frank Fulton, a very talented young piano pupil of Mr. Jury, and the Bond street Quartette. The following pupils sang: Misses C. V. Wigle, E. Dodds, L. Kane, K. Andrews, A. Halls, C. Scott, L. McCullough, L. B. Stickle and Mrs. Laura Campbell-Briggs. The singing of these ladies showed careful work on the part of their teacher, and they gave a creditable rendering of the numbers allotted them. Mrs. Jury intends giving a number of these pleasant evenings during the season.

On Monday evening, December 11, at Bond street Congregational church, the choir, with Mrs. A. B. Jury as soprano soloist, and under the direction of Mr. A. B. Jury, organist and choirmaster, will give a concert, assisted by Mr. J. H. Cameron, elocutionist. Mr. Cameron is well known in Toronto, and will give some of his most pleasing numbers. The choir will sing a number of anthems, and Mrs. Jury will sing With Verdure Clad. A silver collection will be asked.

The choir of Central Presbyterian church, Grosvenor street, conducted by Mr. W. J. McNally, will hold a service of praise on Monday evening next assisted by Miss Marie Wheeler, soprano, Mr. Newsome, tenor, and Mr. Wenborne, baritone, and Misses Wegener and Snarr. The programme will include J. H. Maunder's sacred cantata, Penitence, Pardon and Peace, and an arrangement by Kingsmill of Handel's celebrated Largo as an anthem for mixed voices.

Miss Mabel De Guerre, a pupil of Mrs. Bradley, has recently been distinguishing herself in concert at Bellevi le. The Daily Sun of that town says: "Miss De Guerre has a beautiful voice, full of glowing color, tenderness of quality and dramatic vigor. She sings with a great deal of poetic technical cleverness." The Daily Ontario says: "It would be impossible to express too much praise of the singing of Miss De Guerre. She has completely captivated Belleville. Her voice, appearance and expression betoken great natural gifts and the best of culture." The Intelligencer says: "Her technique and method were well-nigh faultless.

The special cable despatches to the New York Herald voice the opinion of the London critics that Sir Arthur Sullivan, in his new opera. The Rose of Persia. shows all his old finish of form and spontaneity of melodic inspiration. The libretto by Captain Basil Hood is also pronounced to be a clever piece of work. The news will be welcomed by lovers of light opera, who were beginning to fear that Sir Arthur had exhausted his musical resources in this genre.

The favorite English basso, Mr. Watkin Mills, gave a song recital to a very large audience in Massey Hall on the evening of Friday, the 1st inst. He gave a delightful and varied programme, which included several old English songs, and numbers by Beethoven, Handel, Schumann, Mendelssohn and Monk Gould. His fine virile voice was heard to advantage in Beethoven's Deign, Great Apollo, which he interpreted with dignity and purity of style, Handel's ever welcome Ruddier than the Cherry, and Mendelssohn's buffo song, I'm a Roamer. His rendering of the Two Grenadiers was technically good and legitimate in expression, but it was not so striking or dramatic as the interpretation of several other distinguished singers who have been heard in Toronto. Mr. Mills recognized the patriotic feeling of the community which the war has aroused so strongly, by contributing as an encore Rule Britannia, in the chorus of which the audience heartily joined. Other effective numbers in his selection were Monk Gould's descriptive song, The Ban-hee, Molloy's setting of the humorous song Richard of Taunton Dene and the Auld Plaid shawl. Mr. Mills was scarcely in as good voice as usual, especially in the first part of the concert. He is, however, so honest, manly and finished a singer, that he is always heard with pleasure. He was assisted by Mr. Henry S. Saunders, a solo violoncellist of sterling ability with a good round tone and excellent technique. and Miss Florence Marshall, our talented solo pianist, who played with remarkable brilliancy and power Liszt's Rhap-ody No. 8, and three Chopin studies. Miss Marshall studied under Mr. Harry Field when he was resident in Toronto, and is, perhaps, his most accomplished pupil. It s said that there is a probability of Mr. Field returning to Canada. For the past few years he has been in Germany assist ing Herr Krause in his teaching practice

The Musical Protective Union met in Temperance Hall on Sunday afternoon, and after a protracted discussion decided that they would not relax the rule forbidding members of the Union from play ing with non-Union members of the regimental bands at concerts and other functions that could not reasonably be

prising, especially considering the com- duties. As the officers of the city regiments have already held that it is part of the duties of their bands to play wherever dismissed or sent back to the ranks if the Union regulation is enforced. I am informed that the Union regulations in reference to the scale of charges for rehearsals for oratorio concerts are proving so inconvenient that Mr. Torrington may give his Christmas performance of the Messiah without the usual complement of wind, and may use the organ as a substitute. The Union believe honestly that they are acting justly and reasonably in the matter, and are determined to adhere to the stand they have taken. Whether they are right or wrong, the result for some time to come is likely to lead to a loss of engagements by our military

Classes in composition are being formed at the Toronto College of Music under Mr. Frank S. Welsman. The classes are open to all, whether students at this institution or not, the object being to encourage the development of native talent in musical composition. A cash prize of \$10 is offered for the best composition, which may take the form of a minuet, march or polonaise for piano, or an anthem, song or chorus, with piano or organ accompaniment, that may be deemed equivalent in point of merit to the above. A prize of \$25 is offered for the best com-position for chorus and full orchestra Further particulars may be obtained by addressing the secretary, Toronto College

Mrs. A. Moir Dow has been appointed oprano soloist of the Elm street Metho dist church.

On Thursday evening last Miss Mary Nolan of the Toronto Conservatory of Music staff sang at the Baptist church. Lansdowne avenue, at a pictorial lecture on Paris by Rev. Mr. Dyke.

Reference has already been made in this department to the course for teachers which Miss Evelyn Ashton Fletcher purposes giving in Toronto next spring, and certain information concerning that course appears elsewhere in this issue. Those who desire evidence as to the merits of the Fletcher Music Method, simplex and kindergarten, will find it in the fact of its being employed by such institutions as the Toronto Conservatory, Toronto College, Metropolitan School of Music, Junetion College, Dominion College of Music, Montreal, Canadian College of Music, Ottawa, and the London and Hamilton Conservatories. Eminent musicians in England, Germany and the United States have endorsed the method in unqualified terms, but a complete list of these is far too long to be given here.

I have just received from the Anglo-Canadian Music Publisher's Association a copy of Sir Arthur Sullivan's setting of Kipling's Absent-minded Beggar, which has at present a considerable vogue in England. It is needless to say that Sir Arthur has done his work well and attractively. I understand that the song will be introduced at the military concert at Massey Hall to-night (Saturday.)

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The religion of the home was intense in character. The increasing drudgery of the peasant life, of himself—and some tell us, more especially, of his mother—seized his soul in its most impressionable years. The great hungry sea which lashed the shores of his native village, and which hurled, oft, its prey of human corpses on them, with loud roar and ghostly shrick, terrified him and sent him about his work in deep grief for days at a time. His appreciation of natural phenomena was intense, as was that of his father also. His themes were ever the homely scenes of peasant life. Says M. Theophile Silvestre: "He is a man of the fields and lives there. He will tell you the quality and substance of the land as a man used to crumbling away a clod between his fingers. Without artifice or invention he spreads out to the horizon the land he knows so well, in a perfect ensemble without solution of continuity, like a fabric woven by himself."

His struggle for the existence of his art life was surely intense. No man made Millet, or helped to make him, an artist, not even as far as man can make or help another. Parisian snobbery and ultradaintiness shuddered at his realistic presentation of homely toil and the sacred trivialities of life — if any such home scenes are trivial. David and his school knew not such an art as Millet would fain preach. Alone he toiled, conviction developing conviction, strengthened by little encouragement of an external character. All the outward cir-cumstances of his life were antagonistic to art development as we are prone to re-gard it. Nor did he neglect mental culture. No ignorant rustic nor sensual artist was he. He read everything, says M. Sensier, from the Almanack Boiteux of Strasburg up to Paul de Kock, from Homer to Beranger. He had a passion for Shakespeare, Walter Scott, Lord Byron, the Faust of Goethe, and for German ballads. Victor Hugo and Chateaubriand had especially made a lively impression upon him. The Bible, M. Pie lagnel says, heads his list. Theocritus, Virgil, Bernardin de St. Pierre and Lamartine were also favorites, yet with all this wealth of knowledge we have no pedant, but one with a soul great have no pedant, but one with a soul great enough to interpret the significance of life C. M. Manly and A Queenston Mountain in its most lowly and in some of its most unattractive forms.

Between this poet-artist of France's peasant-life and the artist-poet of Scotland's peasant-life, Robert Burns, nationality and environments given due consideration, there is a great similarity. What glimpses of the sacredness, simplicity and dignity of Scotch peasant-life in the Cotter's Saturday Night, Millet gives us, in paint, of French lite! The themes are strikingly similar. The topics of Millet and those of Burns are very similar, and both are treated out of a depth of abounding conviction, and intense sympathy with their theme. Family dignity, for instance, so prominent a feature of Scottish character, Millet early learned, and inherited this valuable pride from those who could consistently say to him, as his dying grand-mother did, "Remember the virtues of your ancestors." No manner of vice shadowed Millet's fair, serious character. How applicable to Millet are Carlyle's words on Burns

words on Burns:

The rough scenes of country life, not seen by him in any Arcadian illusion, but in the rude contradiction, in the smoke and soil of a too harsh reality, are still lovely to him; poverty is indeed his companion, but love also, and courage, the simple feelings, the worth, the nobleness, that dwell under the straw roof, are dear and venerable to his heart; and thus over the lowest provinces of man's existence he pours the glory of his own soul, and they rise in shadow and sunshine, softened and brightened into a beauty which other eyes discern not in the highest.

Both Millet and Burns say with Gray:

Both Millet and Burns say with Gray: Let not ambition mock their useful toil, Their homely joys and destiny obscure, Nor grandeur hear, with a disdainful smile, The short but simple annals of the poor.

Of Millet productions fortunately much remains, and these paintings, which sold many of them for a few sovereigns in his lifetime to keep him and his family in bread, are now out of the financial reach of most, and stored in the Louvre, Paris;



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> An exhibition which promises to be of more than usual interest opens to-day at the home of O. P. Staples, 7 Maitland place. It consists of quite a large collection of paintings, in oils, and not a few pieces in pastel, and embraces quite year's work of serious art study. Those who have been in touch with Mr. Staples' recent art expression have marked the rapid and sure development in all that constitutes good art. A visit to his studio to day or any day during the following week will find many subject of interest expressed in true art language.

> The exhibition of the works of the Art Students' League of Toronto, now open at Matthews' Art Gallery, has been of interest to very many, as the work of such an organization should be. A prominent feature of the display is the drawings for the new calendar for 1900. As usual, Canadian sentiment is embodied in art expression, and we have scenes of The Mines, The Emigrants of 1830, an Old Homestead in Nova Scotia, The Golden North, and like scenes. Four excellent designs for Book Plates by N. W. Crouch have evidently found an appreciator. W. D. Blatchly's Turkeys, with its comfortable warm tones in the foreground and masses of tall trees, is a pleasing picture, as are also his scenes in which spring bloom appears, Nos. 5 and 7. The low-toned but essentially mellow and warm October Afternoon by F. H. Brigden all will like, as also In the Harbor of St. John, with its well defined multiplicity of sails receding truthfully from a foreground of grey water. Rural Architecture, some dainty sketches in pencil, and a compact Decora tive Panel with somewhat minute detail, are interesting productions by A. H. Howard. C. W. Jeffreys is sufficiently master of his craft to catch more of the spirit than the letter of his subject-always an evidence of growth-and is a pleasing mean between the two extremes of unintelligible impressionism and too literal realism, as his March on the Hill, are popular subjects. Our Village, in oil, is of the English school, and we like particularly A Heavy Rain. Some water color scenes, one on the Richelieu parti-cularly, and others of typical Canadian scenery, are careful in execution, that of Belleville being somewhat topographical, if a semi-marine can literally be called topographical. Some good skies, with motion and depth and brilliancy, shine forth from some of the pieces of W. W. Alexander, especially in Nos. 1 and 2 with their charming windmills. Two scenes on Richelieu River by R. Holmes are

Have you read Society Types by Ko-Ke

YOUNG man came to a great Eastern city. He bought a newspaper from a little fellow on a street corner and gave him a nickel for it. The child counted out four cents and offered them as change. The young man had come from the West. There seemed to him to be something insolently trivial about a cent. He looked at the tattered boy with eyes that expressed a personal compassion and a commercial contempt, and refused the change.

The young man stayed in the city and grew older in several ways. One day when he had bought a one-cent newspaper from a boy and accepted the change he recalled the fine contempt with which he had treated the copper coin in other days. He wondered if he had become smaller and meaner-if a system of greed which confers magnitude upon molecules

had destroyed his primal generosity.

He was not the first to miss the real meaning of a cent—a coin which, instead of minimizing life, represents the spread of the refinements, the more exquisite human capacities. The schoolbooks tell us that a dollar is the unit of value, but they were made in a duller age and we have not had time to change them. The real unit is the cent—the basis upon which coal is dug, wheat grown and products manufactured. A dollar is as useless for the delicate manipulations of commerce as a language of nouns would be for poetry. The cent fits like an adjective into the complexities of the time-pays the laborer the exact amount that he can earn, shades to a nicety the value of every article produced, and, by the minuteness of the differentiation which it creates, adds incalculably to the avenues and rewards of human effort. It seemed a retty thing to the young man from the West that even a child should be called

afforded to the children of the poor by the ast circulations of the one cent papers. Life develops toward the subtleties, and no doubt in time—bar cataclysms—the cent will become too clumsy, and ultra-refined civilization will find its unit of value in the mill.-Fred Nye in Saturday Evening Post.

Not So Savage as He Looked.

ANY years ago a number of Peoria Indians organized a show com pany and made a tour of the East. They were mostly halfbreeds and all were thoroughly educated in English, but it was stipulated by the management that they must talk only in their native tongue, and when they got on their war togs they looked savage enough, indeed. Among the company was Will Labadie, well known in Galena, and one evening he was standing in the cor ner of an Eastern hotel, dressed in his chief's robes and looking every inch savage man of fiction, when he was ap proached by an elegantly gowned lady, and the following conversation ensued

" Ugh." "You big chief in your own country?

"Ugh." "You go to Washington to see great White Father?" " Ugh."

"You cannot speak white man's tongue you no speak English?"
"No, madam, I regret to say that I do

not understand the language.

The poor woman was greatly surprised and embarrassed, but perhaps not so much as a bevy of girls on a later occasion. In almost every town some of the audience would remain behind to get a better view of the awful savages. One night Labadie had taken his seat in the orchestra box after the show and four or five young ladies who were standing near commenced to comment on his personal appearance.
"How would you like to kiss him?" said one of the maidens, with a titter. "Oh girls! let's do it just to see how it would feel to kiss a real Indian!" exclaimed one more daring than the rest, whereupon Labadie turned calmly to them and said:

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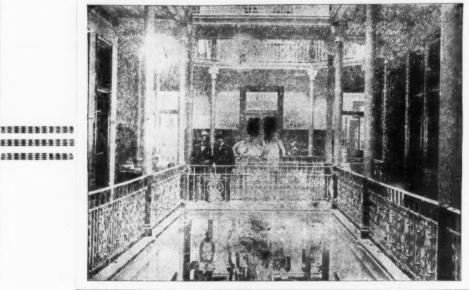
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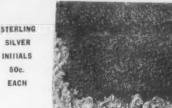
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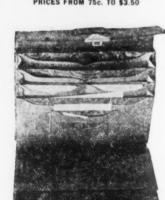
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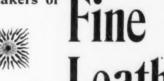


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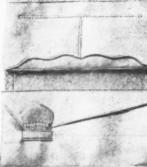


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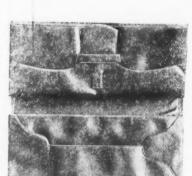


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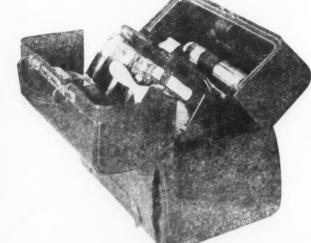
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